

TOWN OF DUDLEY BY-LAWS

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 ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 40, SECTION 32 AS AMENDED BY
 CHAPTER 337, ACTS OF 1952.

ARTICLE I***TOWN MEETINGS***

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting for the adoption of the fiscal budget, various non-financial articles and other business shall be held the last Monday in May and a second session for the consideration of financial articles and other business shall be held on the first Monday in November, unless said Monday is a legal holiday or the following day is a State Election in which case instead on the preceding Monday. Town Meetings shall be held at Town Hall or other adequate place to be designated by the Board of Selectmen in the warrant announcing the meeting.

Section 2. The election of Town Officers shall be held on the Monday following the first Saturday of May, in the Town Hall or any other adequate place to be designated by the Board of Selectmen in the warrant announcing the meeting.

Amended:

Sec. 1&2 (1974); Sec. 1 (1981); Sec. 1 (1998)

ARTICLE II***WARRANTS FOR TOWN MEETINGS***

Section 1. Every warrant of town meetings shall be served by posting an attested copy thereof at the Dudley Municipal Center and of the Town of Dudley Web Site and notice of availability of the warrant on one Cable Access Channel at least fourteen days before the date of said meeting.

ARTICLE III***RULES OF PROCEDURE AT TOWN MEETINGS***

Section 1. Every town meeting for the election of officers by official ballot shall promptly at the appointed for such meeting, be called to order by the proper presiding officer; In the absence of such officer the Town Clerk shall call the meeting to order and shall preside until the arrival of such officer or the election of a temporary presiding officer.

Section 2. Immediately after the calling of the meeting to order by the proper presiding officer, the warrant for the town meeting and the return of the person who served the same shall first be read by the Town Clerk, unless the meeting votes that the reading of the articles in the warrant be dispensed with and immediately thereafter the polls shall be declared open for voting.

Section 3. Every town meeting for the transaction of municipal business, other than the election of Town Officers by official ballot, shall promptly at the appointed time or as soon thereafter as fifty-one (51) registered voters are in attendance be called to order by the Moderator; In the absence of the Moderator, such meeting shall be called to order by the Town Clerk who shall preside until a temporary Moderator is chosen who shall act during the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. Immediately after calling the meeting to order by the Moderator, the Warrant for the Town Meeting and the return of the person who served the same shall first be read by the Town Clerk, unless the meeting votes that the reading of the articles in the warrant be dispensed with.

Section 5. Unless otherwise ordered by the Moderator or by vote of the meeting, no person whose name is not on the list of registered voters shall be admitted to the hall where the meeting is being held; this provision shall be enforced with the use of the check list and the Moderator shall determine the bounds of the hall.

Section 6. Immediately after the calling of the meeting to order, unless otherwise ordered by the Moderator or by vote of the meeting, all persons shall be seated with heads uncovered. No person shall remain standing, except when he addresses the Moderator. While the meeting is in session, no one shall converse or otherwise distract the attention of himself or others from the business under consideration.

Section 7. The Moderator shall preserve order and decorum. He may speak on points of order in preference to other voters and he shall decide all questions subject to an appeal as hereafter provided in Section 9. Every question of order with the decision thereon shall be entered by the Clerk in the records of the meeting.

Section 8. The Moderator may appoint a voter to perform the duties of the Moderator while he addresses the meeting or in case he is called away from the meeting.

Section 9. On matters requiring a two thirds vote by statute a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 15.

Section 10. There shall be a quorum requirement of Fifty-One(51) voters for the transaction of business at any Town Meeting.

Section 11. Such elective town officers as are not required by law to be chosen by ballot shall be elected by voice vote unless the meeting at which they are chosen determines otherwise.

Section 12. The procedure and conduct of the business meeting of the town not otherwise herein provided for shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with by-laws of the town.

Section 13. A vote upon any question at a town meeting may be required to be taken by secret ballot either by order of the Moderator or by the request of (10) ten or more voters. Once a secret ballot has been so ordered by the Moderator, any voter, not already checked off the voting list by the Registrars shall not be checked off the voting register nor be permitted to participate in the meeting until the result of the secret ballot and the action on the motion has been declared by the Moderator.

Rescinded:
Sec. 9 (03/6/71)

Amended:
Sec. 12 (1973); Sec. 10 (06/17/96); Sec. 9 (05/19/97)

Added: Sec.13 (05/18/98)

Amended:
Sec. 13 (05/23/11)

ARTICLE IV *TOWN REPORTS*

- Section 1.** The annual town reports shall be printed in book form and available on or before April 25th and contain;
- a) The report of all Town Boards, Officers and Committees having control of expenditure of the town's money.
 - b) A list of the appropriations for the past year and those recommended for the coming year.
 - c) A report of all town meetings held during the year, including the articles of the warrants and following each article the action of the meeting thereon.
 - d) Reports of all special committees made at any meetings held during the year together with any other action taken at said meetings, including committee appointments and resolutions passed.
 - e) Valuation list and lists of the taxes shall be published every five years.

Section 2. All By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Standing votes, amendments and revisions thereto in force covering town meetings or relating to the town business shall be published as a booklet, to be available at the Town Clerk's office following adoption of these bylaws.

Amended:
Sec 1 (1961); Sec 1 (1980); Sec. 1, paragraph e (1977)

ARTICLE V *FINANCE, APPROPRIATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Section 1. There shall be a Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee for the town who shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article and be governed by the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine citizens of the town and said committee shall be appointed as provided in the following section and no person already holding an elective or appointed town office or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee. *"Quorum for said committee shall be a majority of the members currently appointed." The term already means once a person is appointed to the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee, may appoint members to serve on town committees that require such service by either town vote or by town by-law. All members of such committee shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, said committee to be known as the F.A.A. Committee. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be interpreted so as to prevent a member of the Finance, Appropriation

and Advisory Committee from being appointed to serve on a committee, board or commission of the Town of Dudley as a representative of the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee.

Section 2. The members of the committee as constituted at the time of adoption of these Bylaws shall continue in office until the respective term for which they are appointed shall have expired and within seven days after the annual town election, the Moderator shall appoint from the citizens of the town five members of said committee to serve for the term of three years. The term of office of said committee shall expire at the annual town election following which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay, excepting, however, that the secretary thereof may receive such compensation as the town may by vote, provide. Said committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 3. To this committee shall be referred all articles in any warrant for a town meeting hereafter issued. The Selectmen, after drawing any warrant for a town meeting, shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to each member of the committee and said committee shall consider all articles. A public hearing shall be held on any article, unless a public hearing by some other tribunal is required by law and a notice of such hearing shall be given by posting a copy thereof at the main entrance of the Town Hall. No provision of these By-Laws shall prevent the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee from sponsoring articles to be included in Town Meeting warrants and from holding hearings on such articles and making recommendations with regard to such articles.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the F.A.A. committee to consider the annual budget to the F.A.A. by the Board of Selectmen and add another column to the Town Administrator's prepared statement, giving the amounts which in its opinion shall be appropriated for the ensuing year and shall prepare a statement giving explanations and suggestions in relation to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient and report thereon as provided in Section 7 below.

Section 5. Said committee shall have control of the Reserve Fund as provided in Chapter 40, Section 6 of MGL.

Section 6. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said committee by resignation, removal from town, death, failure to qualify or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by the Moderator. If any member is absent from three consecutive meetings of said committee, or attends less than seventy-five percent of the meetings scheduled, except in case of illness, or extenuating circumstances voted by said committee, his position shall be declared vacant and filled by the Moderator after consultation with said committee. The term of office of all persons chosen as aforesaid to fill vacancies, shall expire at the town election next succeeding said vacancy and within 7 days after said annual town election. The Moderator shall appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term of each member whose office has been vacated.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of said committee to make a report in print and in a local newspaper, if possible, with recommendations relative to all articles in the warrant; the report to be available prior to the meeting.

Amended:

Sec. 6 (1977); Sec. 1 (06/27/95); Sec. 3 (06/17/96); Sec. 1 (06/17/96); Sec. 1 (10/30/06); Sec. 4 (10/25/10)

Added:

Sec. 1 (10/17/01)

ARTICLE VI***DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS***

Section 1. The Selectmen are authorized to prosecute and defend all suits or other actions to which the town is party and may settle claims against the town provided the amount to be paid shall not exceed two thousand dollars. (\$2,000.00)

Section 2. Each Town Officer, Board, and Committee, shall annually on or before the fifteenth day of March each year, prepare and submit to the Board of Selectmen, a report in writing covering clearly and concisely the work of his department for the preceding year and submit annual estimates on or before the first day of February, in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 59 of the General Laws.

Section 3. The Treasurer in his annual report shall set forth specifically as follows:

- a) The objects, if any, for which the debt of the town was increased during the preceding year.
- b) A statement of all expenditures and receipts of the Town in such detail as to give a fair and full exhibit of the objects and methods of all expenditures.
- c) A list of all obligations issued by the Town during the year, showing the purpose for which the money was borrowed, the date, the amount, rate of interest and date of maturity of each.
- d) A list of obligations paid by the Town during the year and a list of all outstanding obligations of the Town with date of maturity thereof.
- e) A list of all properties placed in his charge by law or by virtue of any gift, devise, bequest, deposit or otherwise.
- f) A summary of the financial condition of the Town and a statement showing the expenditures and debt of the Town during the last ten years.

Section 4. Upon request in writing by any Town Department authorized to collect town monies, the Treasurer shall withhold payment of any money payable to any person indebted to said department to an amount not exceeding the unpaid account.

Section 5. No Town Officer and no salaried employee or member of any standing committee of the Town or any agent of such officer or employee shall receive any compensation or commission for work done by him in his own department, except his official salary and fees allowed by law, without permission of the Board of Selectmen expressed in a vote which shall appear on their records with the reason thereof.

Section 6. No officer or appointee of the Town shall in his official capacity make or pass upon or participate in making or passing upon, any sale, contract or agreement or the terms or amount of any payment in which the town is interested and in which such officer has any personal financial

interest. (direct or indirect)

Section 7. Every contract entered into by the Town exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be accompanied by a suitable bond for the faithful performance of the same or by the deposit of money or security to the amount of said bond.

Section 8. No contract involving the creation of an obligation against the Town exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, shall at any time be made except by vote of the Committee or Board having supervision of the department to which the same relates and in all cases where the contract exceeds the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) the same shall be in writing signed by at least a majority of the Board or Committee making such contract and a duplicate of the same shall be furnished to the Town Accountant within 7 days of the signing of said contract.

Section 9. No contract for construction work, whether for repairs or original construction, or for the purchase of apparatus, supplies or materials, the estimated cost of which amount to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) or more, except in the case of special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have been invited by the officer, board or committee authorized by the town to make the contract, by advertisement in a local newspaper published once a week for at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Such advertisement shall state the time and place where plans and specifications of proposed work or apparatus, supplies or materials may be had and the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement and shall reserve for the Town the right to reject any or all such proposals. All proposals shall be opened in public. No contract or preliminary plans and specifications therefore shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading the provisions of this section.

Section 10. All resignations of elected officers or appointees of the Town shall be sent to the Town Clerk, who shall notify the Selectmen.

Section 11. The location of all Fire Alarm Boxes shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 12. All bills, accounts and vouchers presented to the Selectmen for payment shall bear the signature of approval, in their own handwriting, of a majority of the members of each department contracting the same.

Section 13. All bills of the Town, including payroll, shall be paid as often as once a week, or at the discretion of the town accountant.

Section 14. THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES: The annual report of the Collector of Taxes shall contain a statement of the amount committed to him for collection; amount of interest collected; amount paid to the Treasurer; amount of abatements and discounts; amount of uncollected taxes, water charges, sewer and sidewalk assessments, for each year and cash on hand.

a) The Collector of Taxes shall maintain an office in the Town Hall building with the Collector or a bonded deputy collector in attendance.

Reasonable office hours to meet the requirements of the public shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

- b) The collector of Taxes shall collect, under the title of Town Collector, all accounts due the Town except interest on investments of trust funds.
- c) All accounts coming due the Town shall forthwith be committed by several officers, boards and committees of the Town to the Town Collector, together with all available information in relation thereto.
- d) If it shall seem advisable to the Town Collector that suit should be instituted on behalf of the Town for the establishment or collection of any account due the Town, he shall so notify the Selectmen, and he shall report to them from time to time, as they may direct, upon all uncollected accounts in his hands. The selectmen shall take such action with respect to all such accounts as they may deem expedient and consistent with the interests of the Town.

Section 15. Tree Warden And Moth Superintendent:

- A. Appointment. Pursuant to M.G. L. Chapter 41 Section 106, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Tree Warden.
- B. Term. The Appointment of the Tree Warden shall be for three (3) years.
- C. Pay for Services. Any person or firm requiring the service of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent shall pay for services at an hourly rate equal to the hourly rate of the General Foremen of the Department. Said costs shall be paid to the Town of Dudley.

Section 16. The following official offices; Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Personnel Board, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Building, Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Water & Sewer Commissions, Conservation and the Board of Selectmen to have office hours one (1) night a week without any increase in the number of hours currently worked and that the Board of Selectmen set the appropriate day and time within the week. Upon request, the Board of Selectmen may waive this requirement for a specific office.

Section 17. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: All proposed expenditures by individuals or departments for the next fiscal year shall be submitted to the Town Administrator, no later than the third Friday in January. The Town Administrator shall prepare a budget for the Board of Selectmen to adopt pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 16, of the Massachusetts General Laws. Upon adoption of the budget, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith submit the budget to the F. A. A. Committee for its consideration pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE V of these By-Laws.

Section 18. If any appointed committee, board or commission member is absent from three (3) or more consecutive meeting of said committee, board or commission or attends less than seventy-five percent of the meetings scheduled, except in the case of illness or extenuating circumstances as determined & voted by said committee, board or commission, the member's position shall be declared vacant by said committee, board or commission and filled by the appropriate appointing authority.

The term of office of all persons chosen to fill aforesaid vacancies, shall be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the member whose office has been vacated.

Amendments:

Sec. 7 (1955); Sec. 2 (1956); Sec. 9 (1966); Sec. 12 (1966); Sec. 15 (1966); Sec. 2 (1974); Sec. 1 (1979); Sec. 13 1979; Sec. 9 (1980); Sec. 9 (05/19/97); Sec. 9 (10/017/01); Sec.16 (05/21/07); Sec. 15 (11/05/07)

Added:

Sec. 16 (05/24/99); Sec. 18 (05/19/08)

ARTICLE VII

COLLECTORS AND DEALERS OF JUNK AND KEEPERS OF JUNK SHOPS

Section 1. The selectmen may license suitable persons to be Collectors of, Dealers in, or Keepers of shops for purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand articles; and no person shall be a dealer in or keeper of a shop as aforesaid without a license; and the Selectmen may revoke such license at their pleasure.

Section 2. The Selectmen shall require that any place, vehicle or receptacle used for the collection or keeping of the articles aforesaid, may be examined at all times by the Selectmen or by any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Section 3. No person licensed as junk collector shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any of the articles aforesaid, except rags or bottles, of a minor or apprentice knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

ARTICLE VIII

USE OF STREET AND SIDEWALKS

Section 1. All warnings, signs or other projections of buildings shall be at least seven feet above the sidewalk, and then only by permission of the Selectmen.

Section 2. No person shall use any sidewalk, street, or property of the Town for display of merchandise or other articles of personal property without first obtaining written permission to do so from the Selectmen.

Section 3. No person having charge of a wagon, truck or other vehicle shall allow the same to stand up on sidewalk or street crossing in said town, so as to obstruct travel thereon, without first having provided a convenient passage for pedestrians.

Section 4. Every owner, tenant or occupant of an estate abutting upon a hard finished sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk free from all dirt, rubbish, refuse, oil, snow and ice or other like substance.

Section 5. No person or persons shall in any of the public ways of the town throw stones, snowballs, sticks or other missiles, or kick a football or play at any game in which a ball is used, or engage in any other game or exercise, interfering with free, safe and convenient use of said street or highway by any persons traveling or passing along the same.

Section 6. Three or more persons shall not stand in a group or near each other on any sidewalk or public way or in a doorway in such a manner as to obstruct a free passing for foot passengers, after a request to move on, made by any of the constables or police officers.

Section 7. Riding of bicycles with over 16 inch wheels and coasting on any sidewalk is prohibited.

Section 8. Traffic Control.

The Chief of Police possesses the discretion to determine the appropriate level of police service as well as the qualifications of persons to perform traffic direction in the Town of Dudley to ensure public safety. Therefore, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, the Chief of Police has the discretion to require the presence of a sworn police officer, including but not limited to one employed on a paid detail basis, in all instances where there is a street opening or any work to be done on a public way or at a public function in Town. The Chief of Police has the further discretion to determine the number and ranks of officers assigned in any such instance necessary to maintain public safety or other legitimate interest of the community or department.

Add: Sec. 8 (05/18/09)

ARTICLE IX

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Section 1. No person except the Highway Commissioners or the Superintendent of Streets in the lawful performance of their or his duties or those acting under their or his orders, except such other persons as are or may be authorized under statute shall break or dig up a public way without obtaining a written permit from the Highway Commissioners, which shall state the regulations under which the work shall be done. All persons acting under such permit shall erect and maintain suitable railing or fence around that part of the street so broken up, as long as the same shall remain unsafe or inconvenient for travelers, and he or they shall keep two or more lighted lanterns or flares fixed to such railing or fence, or in some other way exposed, every night from sunset to sunrise as long as such street or way shall remain unsafe or inconvenient for travelers. The work done under said permit shall be in accordance with said regulations and upon the completion of said work, the surface of said street or way shall be restored to a condition satisfactory to the Highway Commissioners.

Section 2. Whenever the Highway Commissioners or the Superintendent of Streets are about to construct or repair any street or way, the surface of which is hard finished, they or he shall before beginning the work, give reasonable notice to such intention to the Departments of the Town, to corporations liable to be affected thereby and to all abutting owners having connections by drains or otherwise with structures in the street. If such parties have any work to be done in such public street or way, they shall consult and arrange with said Highway Commissioners or Superintendent of Streets in order that such work may be done before the surface of such street or way is again prepared for and opened to public travel. After such notice and opportunity has been given, such parties shall not for the space of two years break up or disturb the surface of said street or way within the area so constructed or repaired

except in case of reasonable necessity and then only on written permission of the Highway Commissioners.

Section 3. Any person who intends to erect, repair or take down any building on land abutting on any way which the Town is required to keep in repair and desires to make use of any portion of said way for the purpose of placing therein building materials or rubbish, shall give notice thereof to the Highway Commissioners. Thereupon the Highway Commissioners may grant a permit to such portion of said way to be used for such purposes as in their judgement, the necessity of the case demands and the security of the public allows; such permit in no case to be for a period longer than ninety days and to be on such conditions as the Highway Commissioners may impose including without limitation the condition that from sunset to sunrise of every night during the progress of the work, the public way shall sufficiently be lighted by lantern or otherwise so as to be thereby reasonably safe and convenient for travelers. The Highway Commissioners may before granting such permit, require such person to furnish a bond with satisfactory sureties to indemnify and save harmless the town from and against any loss, damage, claim or suit which may arise from such use of the street and to insure the faithful compliance with the conditions of said permit.

Section 4. The Highway Commissioners shall be responsible for approving all proposed street names in the Town of Dudley. The naming of any street shall be approved by the Highway Commissioners prior to an approval of a sub-division or the issuance of a house number.

Added:

Sec. 4 (05/24/99)

Amended:

Sec 4 (05/18/09)

ARTICLE X

PARKING RULES

Section 1. All vehicles shall be parked on the right hand side of road parallel with and within twelve inches of the curbing where sidewalks are curbed and parallel with the lines of the road and as far off the traveled way as can be reasonably done, where there is not curbing. In no case shall a vehicle be allowed to stand diagonally on the streets of the town.

Section 2. No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places and vehicles found parked in violation of the provisions of this section may be moved to a place where parking is permitted.

- a) Within an intersection
- b) Upon any sidewalk
- c) Upon a crosswalk
- d) Upon any roadway where parking of vehicles does not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten feet wide for passing traffic
- e) Upon any street or highway within ten feet of a fire hydrant
- f) Upon or in front or within 10 feet of any alley, private road or driveway
- g) Upon any street or highway within twenty feet of an intersecting way

Section 3. On the following streets or highways or parts thereof, parking is strictly prohibited.

- a) Upon any highway or street or way abutting school grounds or property.
- b) Upon any highway designated by the Chief of Police and Selectmen at any time or for any period of time.
- c) The owner of the vehicle or person in whose name it is registered shall not allow, permit or suffer such vehicle to stand or park in any street, way, highway or parkway under the control to the Town of Dudley in such manner as to interfere with the work of plowing snow or removing snow or ice.
- d) The Superintendent of Streets, for the purpose of plowing snow or removing snow or ice from any way, may remove or cause to be removed to some convenient place, including in such term a public garage, any vehicle parked in violation of Section 3C of this article. The cost of such removal and the storage charges shall not exceed the rates then prevailing for removal and storage of such vehicle.
- e) That no person, firm or corporation shall plow or deposit upon any town highway or road or public way in the Town of Dudley, any accumulation of snow or ice that poses a hazard or restraint to the flow of traffic. Any person violating this By-Law shall be given a warning for the first offense and shall be fined \$25.00 for any subsequent offense.

Section 4. Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40, S21: "Clause 24" for prohibiting or regulating the leaving of vehicles unattended within parking spaces designated as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped persons and within certain other areas. The penalty for such violation shall be One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each subsequent offense according to M.G.L. c 40, sec. 21 and shall amend the amount presently set for such violations listed in the Town of Dudley Traffic Rules and Regulations under Article IV, Section 4-1, Letter N. Clause 14. "For prohibiting or regulating the leaving of vehicles unattended within the limits of private ways furnishing means of access for the Fire apparatus to any building. The penalty for such violation shall be Fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall amend the amount presently set for such violations listed in the Town of Dudley Traffic Rules and Regulations under Article IV, Section 4-1, letter D".

Amended:

Sec. 3e (1978); Sec. 4 (10/17/01);

Added:

Sec. 4 (06/27/95)

ARTICLE XI

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Section 1. No license in any form shall be granted by the Selectmen or Licensing Board for the sale of alcoholic beverages at any location within the Town within five hundred (500) feet of any church or school premises.

Section 2. No license or permit shall be issued for any coin operated machines which are games of chance.

- a) Coin operated machines which are games of chance shall mean slot machines, or any other device which offers money paid out to winners.
- b) The licensing authorities may grant a license for automatic amusement devices which are used for games of skill or amusement only.

The licensing authority shall not issue more than One Hundred (100) automatic amusement device licenses to any one establishment nor to any one location in town.

Automatic amusement device in this section shall mean: Coin operated pool tables, shuffle alley machines, coin operated kiddie rides, video games or any other device which does not offer free plays or money paid out to winners.

The annual fee for each automatic device or for any renewal thereof, shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00). The fee for any change of premises shall be two dollars (\$2.00). Any violation of any of the provisions of this section shall for each and every offense forfeit and pay penalty of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the use of the town.

Added: Sec. 4a & 4b (03/02/1974

Amendments: Sec 4a (10/27/2008)

Sec 4b (05/05/1979; 05/24/1982; 05/24/1993;

05/18/2009;

11/02/2009)

Sec 2 (05/24/2010) deleted-sections renumbered

Sec 3 (05/24/2010) deleted-sections renumbered

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. No person shall meddle with any hydrant, gate, gate box, or water pipe placed or located within the limit of any public way in this town without the permission from the Superintendent of the Water Department or any member of the Board of Water Commissioners.

Section 2. “No person shall operate any motorized vehicle or bicycle on the Grounds of the Sanitary Landfill or on or within 15' (fifteen feet) of the base of any publicly owned dam in the Town of Dudley.”

Repealed:

Sec. 2 (1987)

Added:

Sec. 2 (05/18/98)

ARTICLE XIII

PENALTIES

Section 1. Whoever shall offend against or fail to comply with any of the provisions of these By-Laws except persons covered in Article 6 shall for each and every offense, forfeit and pay a penalty of not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to the use of the Town.

Section 2. Whoever shall offend against or fail to comply with any of the provisions of Article 6 of these By-Laws shall be immediately relieved of his duties and replaced in the manner prescribed.

Section 3. No person, except persons covered in Article 6, shall be prosecuted for any offense against any of the provisions of these By-Laws, unless complaint for same shall be instituted and commenced within thirty (30) days from the time of committing such offense.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, Police Officers, and Constables Of Dudley to see that the provisions of these By-Laws are enforced.

Section 5. The preceding sections notwithstanding any person violating the provisions of any section of these by-laws which is subject to a specific penalty may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. c 40s. 21D and c. 90G. and is subject to Dudley Town By-Laws regulating unpermitted smoking. The non-criminal method of disposition may also be used for violations of any rules or regulations of any town officer, board or department which is subject to a specific penalty. Without intending to limit the foregoing, the following by-laws, rules and regulations are to be included within the scope of this section, the specific penalties listed shall apply and in addition to police officers, who in all cases shall be enforcing officers, the Town personnel listed shall also be enforcing officers.

a. Illegal dumping and/or disposal of trash, refuse and debris in violation of Article XXXV.

Penalty: \$300.00

Enforcing Officer: Board of Health Agent

b. Violations of Board of Health Smoking Regulations: Penalty: Any person having control of a public place of work place \$200.00. Any person who smokes in violation: \$50.00.

c. Prohibition against illegal sewer hookup or of failure to report in violation of Article XVIII, Section 3: Penalty \$300.00 per day.

Enforcing Officers: Superintendent of Sewers.

Nothing herein shall limit or restrict any persons authority to seek criminal prosecution of any violation listed herein. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

d. Violations of the State Building Code, and any local or state Rules or Regulations, statutes or By-Laws the purpose of which is to regulate the building of structures or development of land in the Town shall be enforced by the Building Inspector, and violations shall be enforceable by rescinding permits, issuing cease and desist orders and levying fines per day that such violation remains uncorrected. Such fines shall be enforced through non-criminal complaint procedures.

Amendments:

Sec. 1 (1956); Sec 5 (1994)

Added:
Sec. C (1998)

ARTICLE XIV

POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWN OF DUDLEY

Part 1. An act providing that members of the Police Department of the Town of Dudley be exempt from the Civil Service Law and Rules and further providing for the appointment of said members.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, appointments to the police department of the Town of Dudley shall not be subject to the civil service law and rules.

Section 2. Appointments to the police department of said town shall be subject to rules and regulations established by a committee of five members consisting of the town counsel and four persons appointed by the town moderator, two of who shall be members of the board of selectmen and two of who shall be members of the finance committee of said town.

Section 3. The provisions of section one of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any member of the police department of the Town of Dudley who holds such status on the effective date of this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage. (s/August 5, 1975; app. August 13, 1975. #H6462 – Ch. 511)

Part 2. An Act clarifying the Civil Service Status of certain members of the police department of the Town of Dudley.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 511 of the acts of 1975 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “act”, in line 4, the words: and any member of said police department who on the effective date of this act is serving his probationary period as required by chapter thirty-one of the General Laws shall, upon the satisfactory completion of such probationary period, be deemed to have been permanently appointed as a member of the Police Department of said town under the civil service law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect as of August thirteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Part 3. It is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed;

1) The Town of Dudley Police Rules Committee established under c. 511, section 2 of the 1975 Acts and Resolves of the Legislature may make reasonable rules and regulations governing initial or original appointments to the Police Department. Establishing a “Police Evaluating Committee” to make recommendations regarding initial or original appointments to the Town of Dudley Board is within the scope

of the authority granted by the legislature of the Town of Dudley's Police Rules Committee.

2) The Town of Dudley Rules Committee does not have the authority to create an appellate body to review the promotions, demotions or termination decisions made by the Board pursuant to their authority under MGL c.41, Section 97A.

3) The rules governing promotions, demotions, termination and other general personnel policies of the Police Department with the sole exception of appointments are those rules created by the police chief and approved by the Board under authority of G.L. 41, Section 97A.

4) The Town of Dudley's subsequent passage of c 511 adopted rules and regulations incorporating G.L. c. 31, Section 43. The Town of Dudley does not have the right to confer jurisdiction on an agency of the Commonwealth. The Town however, must attempt to comply with the provisions of G.L. c 31, Section 43 in so far as possible as it existed at the time the Town adopted the rules and regulations.

5) The Town of Dudley shall adopt rules and regulations governing police personnel conforming to laws of the Commonwealth.

NOTE: Chapter 31 G.L. Section 49 adopted 3-26-44/approved 4-12-44. A. Part 1 1975; A Part 2, 1979 effective 1975; Ruling Part 3. Superior Court #88-3003 1990

ARTICLE XV

INVENTORY

Section 1. All town officers and departments shall maintain an inventory of books, records, tools and equipment which are not expendable. Whenever changes within town offices or departments are made, the responsible member shall check and sign for the existing inventory in that department. A signed copy of the inventory will be kept on file in the Town Clerk's office. At least once a year, this inventory will be brought up to date and a signed copy shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE XVI

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW STREETS

Section 1.

- a. Streets shall be accepted only at Annual Spring Town Meeting.
- b. All materials, hereafter referred to as the "Street Acceptance Package," shall be submitted in entirety to the Town Administrator's Office not before the first business day in January and not later than the last business day of January prior to the Annual Spring Town Meeting where street acceptance will be placed on the warrant.
- c. Private Road Adoption. Developers/ property owners who are seeking to have their private roads put on the Town's Annual Town Meeting warrant for acceptance shall have the finish coat of asphalt no more than two years old at the time of acceptance. Roads that have a finish coat of asphalt more than two years old shall be required to have improvements and/or additional maintenance made to them before they can be accepted. The improvements that are needed will be determined by the Highway Department Superintendent or designee, Planning Board, Consultant, Town Engineer and the Selectmen or their designee.

Improvements will include at least one of, but are not limited to, the following:

- Crack filling along with oil and sand sealing of the entire roadway, or portions as determined;
- One-and-one-half inch to two inch (1-½” – 2”) overlay of asphalt including any necessary blending of driveways and the raising of any roadway structures, to a height flush with the new pavement;
- Complete reclamation and re-grading of the roadway and a minimum of four inches (4”) compacted thickness of asphalt, installed in two lifts and related work;
- Any other improvements the bodies named above or their designees may deem necessary for acceptance.

Section 2.

- a. A check for \$500.00 must accompany a written request for acceptance of the street. The funds shall be called a “review fee” and used for document review and/or physical review by any qualified person or agency deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen to ensure the health, safety, welfare and/or general convenience of the Town will be maintained by the acceptance of this street. The unexpended portion shall be returned to the check’s account holder within 30 days of the town meeting where a decision to accept or not accept the street is made. A vote to pass over the question of street acceptance will result in the unexpended portion of the funds being deposited in an interest-bearing account with the funds to be released to the account holder within 30 days of their request to withdraw the street for possible acceptance.
- b. If the street is part of a newly constructed subdivision and if the developer has a minimum of \$500.00 per street to be accepted in their escrow account, then no check need accompany the written request for acceptance. However, a completed inspection form (Form H) for each street, proof of escrow balance from the Town Accountant or designee, and other documents as required by the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Dudley Massachusetts must be submitted as part of the “Street Acceptance Package.”
- c. If at any time prior to street acceptance the review fee account, including escrow accounts for newly constructed subdivision streets, falls below anticipated expenditures, the check’s account holder will be notified in writing by the Town Administrator’s office.

Section 3.

The following is a list of materials to be included in the street acceptance package. Newly constructed subdivision streets are required to submit all of the documents listed below, as well as any documents required by the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Dudley Massachusetts. The Board of Selectmen may request additional materials and may provide a waiver for any of the materials to be included in the street acceptance package:

- a. Original written request for street acceptance
- b. Check for \$500.00 (or Town Accountant proof of \$500 minimum per street to be accepted in the subdivision’s escrow account, controlled by the entity requesting street acceptance)
- c. Original Street Acceptance Checklist signed by the Board of Selectmen showing any waivers from the requirements
- d. Original, stamped, reproducible street acceptance plan
- e. Original, stamped, reproducible as-built street plan
- f. Six (6) copies of the following, collated to form six packages ready for distribution, in this order
 1. Copy of the Street Acceptance Checklist
 2. Copy of the written request for street acceptance

3. Copy of the Town Accountant proof of escrow, if a new street
4. Copy of the street acceptance plan
5. Copy of the as-built plan
6. Plans of any infrastructure within the taking, such as drainage, underground utility services, etc.
7. Maintenance plans and manufacturer's specifications as deemed applicable by the Highway Supervisor, engineer, or their designee
8. Legal description
9. Copies of all easements within the cart way or taking. Proof of recordation of these easements must be provided to the Town Administrator's office before any street voted to be accepted at town meeting is to be finally accepted.
10. Any other material as requested by the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Highway Supervisor, or their designee.

Section 4.

In order to meet the requirements for the street acceptance package, it is recommended that signatures are obtained as early as possible. Those requesting street acceptance should plan on attending at least one Board of Selectmen's meeting and any public hearings where acceptance of the street will be discussed.

Amendments:
1971, 1979, 2008

Added:
Sec. 2 (10/30/06)

Added:
Sec 1, paragraph c (052311)

ARTICLE XVII *SOIL OR LOAM REMOVAL*

EARTH REMOVAL

Section A. DEFINITIONS

1. For the purpose of this by-law, "earth" shall include soil, loam, sand, gravel, borrow, rock, sod, peat, humus, clay, coal or other earth material.
2. For the purpose of this by-law, "Board" shall mean the Board of Selectmen.

Section B. EARTH REMOVAL PROCEDURE

1. No earth shall be removed from any parcel of land in the Town without a written permit from the Board, except as hereinafter provided.
2. Any person wishing to remove such material from a property in Town shall file an "Earth Removal Application" with the Board, which application shall include the following specific information and supporting documentation:
 - a. Legal name and signature of property owner
 - b. Legal address of property owner

- c. Legal name and signature of the applicant
- d. Legal address of the applicant
- e. Street address of the proposed excavation and Dudley Assessors' Map and Lot numbers.
- f. Description and purpose of the proposed excavation including the planned destination of material removed during the proposed excavation
- g. Names and addresses of all abutting property owners including those across any streets, roads or ways
- h. A plan of the land drawn and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Land Surveyor at a scale of 1"=40'-0" showing general topography within 100 (one-hundred) feet of the proposed excavation, and within 100 feet of the proposed travel route to and from the area/s of excavation, and showing wetlands, and streams, and rivers within 250-feet of the proposed excavation, and structures within 250-feet of proposed excavation, and rare species priority habitats and estimated priority habitats per Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the property address, and the owner's name and address, and date of plan, and scale of plan, and assessor's map and lot number.
- i. A plan drawn and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Land Surveyor at a scale of 1"=40'-0" showing EXISTING contours at 10 (ten) foot intervals of the site, proposed excavation area(s), location and design of covered storage areas meeting CMR requirements for petroleum and other hazardous products, and contours at 10 (ten) foot intervals as of the proposed COMPLETION of the Excavation Project, and the property address, and the owner's name and address, and date of plan, and scale of plan, and assessor's map and lot number.
- j. A narrative of the proposed plan describing how the following will be addressed:
 - i. The description and purpose of the proposed excavation including the planned destination of material removed during the proposed excavation,
 - ii. The finished leveling and grading upon completion of the excavation,
 - iii. The placing of topsoil and planting/stabilization necessary to restore the area to usable or natural condition,
 - iv. The duration of the earth removal operation,
 - v. The construction of necessary fencing and other protections against nuisances,
 - vi. A copy of any Orders of Conditions, if determined to be necessary, from the Conservation Commission, or if no Orders of Conditions are necessary, a memo stating such from the Conservation Commission or their designee,
 - vii. The method of earth removal,
 - viii. Temporary construction,
 - ix. Hours of operation,
 - x. Dates when operation shall not occur (holidays, etc.),
 - xi. Routes of transportation of material,
 - xii. Control of temporary and permanent drainage,
 - xiii. Disposition of boulders, tree stumps and other such materials,
 - xiv. Request for waivers from this bylaw,
 - xv. Plan showing location and design of covered storage areas for petroleum and other hazardous products, land parcel,
- k. A copy of any Orders of Conditions, if determined to be necessary, from the Conservation Commission, or if no Orders of Conditions are necessary, a memo stating such from the Conservation Commission or their designee,

1. A proposed form and amount of performance bond to be used (amount to be determined upon review of the Town or the Town's designee in an amount sufficient for the Town to pay to return the excavation to its original topography)

In the Amount of _____

The performance instrument must be kept current. Lapse in provision of current performance instrument(s) may result in a Cease and Desist until the performance requirement is satisfied.

- m. A plan of the land showing the maximum annual groundwater elevation as determined by an approved agent of the Board of Health and a copy of the receipt or canceled check for maximum groundwater elevation tests.

In EVERY instance, the maximum groundwater elevation shall be measured during the period of January 1 to March 31 in any of three (3) preceding years for the site, in the relative location of the proposed excavation.

3. No action will be taken by the Board regarding the applicant's removal of earth until a public hearing has been held by the Board.
4. All costs related to the public hearing shall be paid by the applicant. Notice of the public hearing shall have been given at least fourteen days in advance by the following three means:
 1. in a newspaper commonly used for such notices in the community, and
 2. the posting of copies of the public hearing notice on municipal bulletin boards, and
 3. the mailing of copies thereof sent certified return receipt requested to the abutters within 100 (one-hundred) feet per the most recent Town Assessor's list.
5. No permit shall be issued for earth removal by the Board until a favorable finding has been declared by the Board. A favorable finding shall be based upon conformance to this bylaw and, if applicable, prior experience of the Town with this applicant's earth removal.
6. Any permit issued hereunder shall automatically expire upon the completion of the earth removal project for which it was issued or at such other time as may be specified in said permit providing that the surety instrument shall be valid throughout that entire time without requiring further extension, but in no case for a period of more than three years.
7. Lapse of validity of the surety instrument constitutes immediate revocation of the permit. The need for the applicant to re-apply shall be determined after a meeting with the Board and the applicant.
8. Approval of the renewal of a permit for a period not in excess of one year may be made by the Board without a public hearing if the Board finds that all conditions have been complied with and that the work has been carried on continuously in good faith.

Section C. EXEMPTIONS

The Board shall require an agreement containing conditions for moving and/or removing of earth and a performance bond if in their judgment anything they deem as being "excessive" is to be done under this exemption clause. In most cases no permit shall be required for the following:

1. Where the removal is necessary in construction of a building or buildings being built in accordance with a permit issued by the proper Town authority and to the installation of walks, driveways and similar appurtenances to said building.

2. Where the removal is necessary as part of the construction of a road pursuant to a permit, or under agreements governing road construction in a subdivision approved by the Planning Board or by governmental authority to the extent as may be necessary to complete the project as planned and approved.
3. Where the removal is necessary in the daily use of an operating farm, nursery, garden, landscaping activities or cemetery to the extent that such removal is necessary to the operation or purpose of the same as determined by the Board or their designee.
4. Where the moving and/or removal of earth for any municipal purpose is by, or on behalf of any Department of the Town of Dudley, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the federal government of the United States of America.
5. Where the removal is from a parcel for which removal was authorized under a legal permit issued prior to adoption of this by-law, the same may continue until the expiration date of said permit, provided that all by-laws, permits, surety instrument requirements and conditions applicable prior to the adoption of this by-law shall be complied with. Subsequent to the adoption of the by-law full compliance with all requirements of this Earth Removal By-Law must be met.
6. Where such earth removal is permitted under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 40, Section 21, Paragraph 17.

Section D. ACTIVITIES IN LAWFUL OPERATION AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF THE EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW

Earth removal activities in lawful operation on any one parcel of land at the time this by-law is adopted may continue under the limits of the current permit unless and until abandoned for more than 12 (twelve) consecutive months. Unless specifically authorized by a new permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw, the following shall apply to such lawful preexisting activity:

1. The depth of excavation shall not be increased below the grade of the lowest point excavated on the effective date of this by-law.
2. The total area of excavation within the parcel shall not be increased by more than 25 (twenty-five) percent over its excavated area on said effective date.
3. The average amount of materials extracted or removed per day shall not be increased by more than 25 (twenty-five) percent over such daily averages for the 12 (twelve) consecutive months preceding said effective date or for the actual period of operation if less than twelve months.

It is the applicant's responsibility to document the conditions of the site upon adoption of this bylaw so there is a baseline for determining allowable expansion. Confirmation of the documents submitted for continuation of earth removal may be reviewed by the Board and/or their designee at the expense of the applicant. Subsequent inspections to confirm compliance with this by-law may be ordered by the Board at the expense of the applicant.

Section E. SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS TO EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW

1. No permit for the removal of earth shall be approved by the Board except upon condition that a cover of topsoil of not less than four (4) inches in depth and stabilized with seeding and/or hay bales and/or other methods as considered appropriate by the Board or their designee shall be replaced or allowed to remain, except where, due to construction of roads, buildings or other permanent physical features, such provision is impractical. Strict adherence to this limitation may be waived upon written request of the applicant and determination by the Board or their designee that the variation is of benefit to the Town.

2. No permit shall be issued for the removal of earth in any location if such removal:
 - a. Will endanger beyond a reasonable degree the public health or safety or constitute a nuisance as determined by the Board or their designee,
 - b. Will produce noise levels in excess of those in 310 CMR 7.11, dust or other effects observable at the lot lines in amounts seriously objectionable or detrimental to the normal use of adjacent property as determined by the Board or their designee,
 - c. Will result in the transportation of materials in such a manner as to cause traffic congestion or hazards, particularly on residential streets, as determined by the Chief of Police or his or her designee, within the limits of Massachusetts General Laws,
 - d. Will result in the transportation over ways which will be unduly injured thereby, as determined by the Highway Supervisor or his or her designee, within the limits of Massachusetts General Laws, and/or
3. No permit shall be issued if the excavation will occur within five (5) feet of the maximum annual ground water elevation at any single location on the site.
4. No permit shall be issued if the excavation will occur within 100 (one-hundred) feet of a stream and/or 200 (two-hundred) feet of a river.

Section F. GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF THE EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW

1. No permit for the removal of earth shall be approved by the Board if the work extends within 300 (three-hundred) feet of a way open to public use whether public or private, or within 250 (two-hundred-fifty) feet of a building or structure unless the Board is satisfied that such removal will not undermine the way or structure.
2. In approving the issuance of a permit the Board shall impose reasonable conditions regarding the following, which shall accompany and shall constitute part of the permit, including but not limited to:
 - a. The finished leveling and grading requirements,
 - b. The placing of topsoil and planting/stabilization necessary to restore the area to usable or natural condition,
 - c. The duration of the earth removal operation,
 - d. The construction of necessary fencing and other protections against nuisances,
 - e. A copy of any Orders of Conditions, if determined to be necessary, from the Conservation Commission, or if no Orders of Conditions are necessary, a memo stating such from the Conservation Commission or their designee,
 - f. The method of removal,
 - g. Requirements for any proposed temporary construction,
 - h. Hours of operation,
 - i. Days/dates when operation shall not occur (holidays, etc.),
 - j. Conditions under which the Board or their designee may enter the excavation parcel,
 - k. Routes of transportation of material,
 - l. Control of temporary and permanent drainage,
 - m. Requested waivers granted, and
 - n. Disposition of boulders, tree stumps and other such materials.
3. Earth may be removed from any parcel of land within such parcel determined by the Board or their designee to be unsuited to agricultural use, and the Board may issue a permit for such removal provided however that the Board shall in making such decision obtain the recommendations of the appropriate Soil

District Supervisor and the Worcester County Extension Director or Agent or their successors or designees, and their recommendations shall be made part of the records of the Board. In issuing a permit, the Board may impose reasonable conditions as to re-establishment of ground levels and grades.

4. The Board shall require a performance bond (or other security approved by the Board) to enforce performance of conditions imposed by this by-law or under this section. This may require review by the Board or their designee at the expense of the applicant.

Section G. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW

1. The Board and/or their designees may enter upon the premises involved from time to time to inspect and ensure proper conduct of the work per conditions regarding this in the permit.
2. Upon written request of the owner or permit holder the Board may hold a new public hearing at the expense of the owner or permit holder, and reissue or modify the permit subject to any regulations not in conflict with this by-law.
3. Upon petition of the abutters the Board may hold a new public hearing at the expense of the abutters, and reissue or modify the permit subject to any regulations not in conflict with this by-law.
4. The Board may order the revocation of or suspension of a permit if the conditions established in the permit are not complied with but the permit holder in such situation shall not be relieved of his or her obligations. The Board shall so inform the property owner of record and/or permit holder by certified, return receipt requested mail.

Section H. VIOLATIONS OF THE EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW

1. If the Board concludes that there has been a violation of this by-law it shall so notify the offender in writing at the address stated on the initial application and if applicable shall include a notice ordering cessation of the improper activities. The Board shall so inform the property owner of record and/or permit holder by certified, return receipt requested mail.
2. If a property owner and/or permit holder persists in such violation the Board shall seek the imposition of the penalties authorized by MGL Chapter 40, Section 21, Paragraph 17 through appropriate legal action.
3. If the offender holds a permit issued under this by-law such permit may be revoked 30 calendar days after the first offense if the Board is not satisfied that the violation has been or is in the process of being resolved.

Section I. FEES FOR EARTH REMOVAL

1. The Board shall establish such fees for the issuance of permits as it shall find are necessary for the administration of this by-law including but not limited to the costs of advertising, notifying abutters, clerical, inspection, legal and policing expenses.
2. Any fees received hereunder shall be transmitted to the Town Treasurer for deposit in the Town's general revenue fund except the performance guarantee which shall be held by the Treasurer in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

TOWN OF DUDLEY

A. EARTH REMOVAL APPLICATION

1. ____ Legal name(s) of property owner(s) _____
 ____ Signature(s) of property owner(s) _____
2. ____ Legal address(es) of property owner(s) _____

3. ____ Legal name(s) of the applicant(s) _____
 ____ Signature(s) of the applicant(s) _____
4. ____ Legal address(es) of the applicant(s) _____

5. ____ Street address of the proposed excavation _____
 ____ Dudley Assessors' Map and Lot number Map # _____ Lot # _____
6. ____ Names and addresses of all abutting property owners including those across any streets, roads or ways
 (From Assessor's Office or on separate page)
7. ____ A plan of the land drawn and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Land Surveyor at a scale of 1"=40'-0" showing general topography within 100 (one-hundred) feet of the proposed excavation, and within 100 feet of the proposed travel route to and from the area/s of excavation, and showing wetlands, and streams, and rivers within 250-feet of the proposed excavation, and structures within 250-feet of proposed excavation, and rare species priority habitats and estimated priority habitats per Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the property address, and the owner's name and address, and date of plan, and scale of plan, and assessor's map and lot number.
8. ____ A plan drawn and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Land Surveyor at a scale of 1"=40'-0" showing EXISTING contours at 10 (ten) foot intervals of the site, proposed excavation area(s), location and design of covered storage areas meeting CMR requirements for petroleum and other hazardous products, and contours at 10 (ten) foot intervals as of the proposed COMPLETION of the Excavation Project, and the property address, and the owner's name and address, and date of plan, and scale of plan, and assessor's map and lot number.
9. ____ A plan showing location and design of covered storage areas for petroleum and other hazardous products.
10. ____ A narrative of the proposed plan describing how the following will be addressed:
 - a. The description and purpose of the proposed excavation including the planned destination of material removed during the proposed excavation,
 - b. The finished leveling and grading upon completion of the excavation,
 - c. The placing of topsoil and planting/stabilization necessary to restore the area to usable or natural condition,
 - d. The duration of the earth removal operation,
 - e. The construction of necessary fencing and other protections against nuisances,
 - f. The method of earth removal,
 - g. Temporary construction,
 - h. Hours of operation,
 - i. Dates when operation shall not occur (holidays, etc.),

- j. Routes of transportation of material,
- k. Control of temporary and permanent drainage,
- l. Disposition of boulders, tree stumps and other such materials,
- m. Request for waivers from this bylaw,

11. ____ A copy of any Orders of Conditions, if determined to be necessary, from the Conservation Commission, or if no Orders of Conditions are necessary, a memo stating such from the Conservation Commission or their designee,
12. ____ A proposed form and amount of performance bond to be used (amount to be determined upon review of the Town or the Town's designee in an amount sufficient for the Town to pay to return the excavation to its original topography)

In the Amount of _____

The performance instrument must be kept current. Lapse in provision of current performance instrument(s) may result in a Cease and Desist until the performance requirement is satisfied.

13. ____ A plan of the land showing the maximum annual groundwater elevation as determined by an approved agent of the Board of Health and a copy of the receipt or canceled check for maximum groundwater elevation tests.

In EVERY instance, the maximum groundwater elevation shall be measured during the period of January 1 to March 31 in any of three (3) preceding years for the site, in the relative location of the proposed excavation.

EARTH REMOVAL ~ PERMIT REVIEW & ROUTING

Assessor

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tax Collector

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Highway Department

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Police Department

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Conservation Commission

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Planning Board

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board of Health

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Building Official

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board of Selectmen

Comments: _____

Public Hearing

Date Hearing Opened: _____ Date(s) Continued: _____

Date Hearing Closed: _____

Decision: _____ Vote: _____

Comments: _____

_____ Date: _____

Board of Selectmen

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ARTICLE XVIII**WATER AND SEWER****A. WATER AND SEWER LINES**

Section 1. Whenever water and/or sewer lines are laid in accordance with a vote of the town, the cost of installing such water and sewer lines including cost of pipes, materials, labor and incidental expenses shall be paid, one-third by the town and two-thirds by the owners of the land benefitting. If however, the water and/or sewer line is necessary for the proper maintenance of the Water and/or Sewer Department, the cost shall be paid by the town with abutter tying into the line at this or any other future date be assessed on the basis of a uniform rate per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in the area served by each project, whereby the construction costs are divided among the total existing and potential sewer units to be served. A unit is equal to a single-family residence, with non-residential units put on an equivalent basis. Notice of this assessment shall be filed in the Registry of Deeds in accordance with Chapter 332, Acts of 1955.

Section 2. No article for water or sewer line extension shall be submitted to a town warrant unless the Water or Sewer Departments, as pertains to their respective departments, shall have contacted and notified all abutters of the proposed water or sewer line and the said Water or Sewer Department shall have obtained agreement thereto in writing from the owners of sixty-six and two-thirds ($66 \frac{2}{3}$) percent of the assessable frontage, said agreements to be certified by the Board of Assessors and

filed with the Town Clerk. If however, the water line or sewer line is necessary for the health, safety or comfort of the town or for the proper maintenance of the Water and Sewer Department, then the article may be submitted without obtaining written agreement from the abutters.

Section 3. No land or property shall be connected to the Town of Dudley Sewer System unless said connection has been approved by the Dudley Sewer Commission. Any landowner or property owner whose land or property is connected to the Dudley Sewer System and who is not charged for the use of the System, must report said connection to the Sewer Commission forthwith. "Connection" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, connections of normal household plumbing, gutters, perimeter drains, sump pumps, downspouts, garage drains, driveway drains and storm drains.

Section 4. All new construction in need of wastewater disposal must connect to the Town of Dudley Sewer System at time of construction of within 300' of an existing sewer line.

B. WATER USE RESTRICTION BY-LAW

Section 1 Authority

This bylaw is adopted by the Town under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. C.40, sec. 21 et seq. and implements the Town's authority under M.G.L. C. 40, sec.41A, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3 Definitions

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, trust, partnership or association, or other entity.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. C21G, sec. 15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 4 Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation

The Town, through its Board of Water Commissioners, may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under section 6 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 5 Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of the Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under section 6.

- a) Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering Outdoor watering by water user as with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even numbered addresses is restricted to even numbered days.
- b) Outdoor Watering Ban Outdoor watering is prohibited
- c) Outdoor /Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only during daily periods of low demand, to be specified in the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and public notice thereof.
- d) Filling Swimming Pools Filling of Swimming pools is prohibited
- e) Automatic Sprinkler Use The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited

Section 6 Public Notification of a State of a Water Supply Conservation: Notification of DEP

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply Conservation. Any restriction imposed under section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 7 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation: Notice

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given in the same manner required by section 6.

Section 8 State of Water Supply Emergency: Compliance with DEP Orders

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency

Section 9 Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for subsequent violation which shall inure to the town. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the district Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with section 21D of chapter 40 of the general laws. Each day of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 10 Severability

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

Amendments:

1956; Sec. 1 (1962), (1970); A. Sec. 2 (1956); Sec. 2 (1959), (1962), (1966); Sec. 1 & 2 (06/25/96); Sec. 1 (05/21/01)

Added:

A. Sec.3 (05/018/98)

ARTICLE XIX

AMENDMENTS / ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS EXCLUDING ZONING

No alteration or amendment can be made to these by-laws unless by an article inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting, when it shall require a majority vote of the voters present and voting. This article shall pertain to all Town by-laws with the exception of zoning by-laws.

Adopted:

03/05/66

ARTICLE XX

HISTORICAL COMMISSION – UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8D

There shall be established under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D, a Historical Commission of the Town of Dudley for the purpose and with the rights and duties provided by law to be composed of seven (7) members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three (3) years except that the initial appointment shall be two members who shall serve one (1) year, two members who shall serve for two (2) years and three members who shall serve for three (3) years.

ARTICLE XXI

STORAGE OF UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

Section 1. No more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or

disassembled shall be kept, stored or allowed to remain on a lot in the Town except by a duly licensed under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 59 and except as provided in Section 3 of this article.

Section 2. For the purpose of this article, the word “lot” shall mean a parcel of land held in identical ownership throughout including all contiguous land held in the same ownership.

Section 3. The Selectmen may issue a permit to keep, store or allow more than one such vehicle on a lot after holding a public hearing thereon, first causing at least seven days notice of the time, place and subject matters of such hearing to be given at the expense of the applicant by 1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the town and 2) assessors most recent valuation list as the owners of the property abutting said lot. The Selectmen shall not issue such a permit unless it finds that the presence of more than one vehicle of such lot 1) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of this article, 2) will not constitute a nuisance and, 3) will not adversely affect the neighborhood in which such lot is situated.

Section 4. Each permit issued by the Selectmen under this article shall 1) specify the maximum number of such vehicles that may be kept, stored or allowed to remain on such lot, 2) be limited to a reasonable period of time and 3) be a personal privilege of the applicant and not a grant attached to and running with the land comprising the lot.

Section 5. The provision of this article shall not apply to vehicles which are 1) stored within an enclosed building or 2) designed and used for farming or other agricultural purposes.

**Adopted:
1980**

ARTICLE XXII

INTOXICATING BEVERAGES ON TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

Section 1. No person shall consume intoxicating beverages on Town owned property or in Town owned buildings or have in his possession in such places an open bottle, can or container containing any such beverage unless a special permit is secured from the Board of Selectmen. Anyone violating this by-law shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars and may be subject to arrest without a warrant by a police officer.

Section 2. Public Consumption Of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol”

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L.

c. 40, § 21, or by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

Adopted:
1976

Amended:
Add Sec. 2 (05/18/09)

ARTICLE XXIII

SWIMMING POOLS AND HOT TUBS

Section 1. Every “above ground swimming pool or hot tub” if allowed to remain in place year round shall be equipped with a ladder which shall either be removed or raised to an upright position at all times when the pool is not in use.

Section 2. Every “outdoor in-ground swimming pool or hot tub” shall be completely surrounded at all times by a suitable fence or wall not less than four feet in height (nominal). A building may be used as part of such enclosure. All gates or door opening through such enclosure shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device located not less than three and one half feet above the ground or wall for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use. The door of any dwelling which forms a part of this enclosure need not be so equipped. Each such gate or door shall be kept locked at all times when the swimming pool is not in use.

Section 3. Penalty; Any person violating any provisions of this by-law may be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. All existing above ground or in-ground pools or hot tubs will comply with this section by July 1, 1985.

Section 5. The owner of property have a fence or other protective in existence at the time this article is accepted by the town, may seek a special permit from the Planning Board to exempt him from strict compliance with this article. Such permit must be applied for prior to June 30, 1985.

Section 6. Any owner of property may seek a special permit from the Planning Board for any safety device other than a fence as called for in this article prior to obtaining a building permit and prior to installation of the above ground swimming pool or hot tub and every outdoor in-ground swimming pool or hot tub.

Adopted:
1984

ARTICLE XXIV**ARTICLES FOR TOWN MEETING**

Articles appearing on the warrant of the Town Meeting, that voters have rejected or passed over, may not be resubmitted prior to the next Annual Town Meeting unless the Selectmen have declared the article of an "emergency nature" or unless by petition of voters in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 39, Subsection 10 as amended, or unless passed over for additional information.

Adopted:
1982

ARTICLE XXV

RULES AND REGULATIONS USE OF LAKES AND PONDS WITHIN THE TOWN WITH PENALTY TO APPLY UNDER ARTICLE XIII OF THE TOWN BY-LAWS PENDING ANY VIOLATION.

Section 1. Waterskiing is to be done in a counter-clockwise motion.

Section 2. Age limits:

- a. No one under 10 years of age may operate a powerboat.
- b. Ages 10-14 years may operate a powerboat with an accompanying adult.
- c. Ages 14-16 years may operate a powerboat with a coast guard certificate or an accompanying adult.
- d. Ages 16 and up may operate a powerboat with no other requirement.

Section 3. Speed limits:

- a. When operating a powerboat within 50 feet of shore minimum throttle setting (idle speed) is to be used.
- b. When operating a powerboat from 50 feet (to shore) to 100 feet (to shore) speed shall be limited to 15 miles per hour.
- c. When operating powerboat in excess of 100 feet (to shore) speed shall be limited to 40 miles per hour.

Section 4. Winter use of waterways:

- a. Recreational and all-terrain vehicles shall be operated by no one under 10 years of age and those persons between 10 and 16 years of age will operate with supervision of an adult.
- b. Ice fishing holes shall be limited in diameter to eight (8) inches.

Adopted:
1986

NOTE: ATTY. GEN. APPROVAL GIVEN SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPROVAL THEREOF BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO MGL. CHAPTER 131, SECTION 45. (LTR 9/13/89) DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FAILED TO RESPOND IN 180 DAYS, HENCE BY LAW 25 APPROVED (LTR 5/3/89)

ARTICLE XXVI**CEMETERY BY-LAWS**

Section 1. Reconveyance: Any reconveyance of the lot one deeded by the Town

shall require the Cemetery Commissioners and the Town Clerk to be notified of such transfer and a fee will be charged in accordance with Chapter 262, Section 34, clause 78 and the records shall be open to the public at all reasonable times.

Section 2. Any lots which are purchased containing one or more burial plots shall be held indivisibly and upon the decease of the proprietor of such lot, the title of such lot shall vest in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 114, Subsection 29.

Section 3. All monumentation of grave sites must be approved by the Cemetery Commissioners or their designee prior to installation.

Section 4. The interment of more than one body per burial plot shall only be allowed with the approval of the Cemetery Commissioners.

Section 5. Retransfer: If the owner of a lot containing one or more than one unused burial plot with bodies interred in the lot wishes to transfer or convey the remaining unused burial plots, they shall make application to the Cemetery Commissioners who will confirm the unused burial plots and issue a new deed for the remaining burial plots. The fee for such re-deeding shall be set by a vote of the Cemetery Commissioners annually. The re-deeded lot shall be registered with the Town Clerk's office in accordance with plans locating the unused burial plot or plots.

Section 6.

a)The Cemetery Commission shall have the power and authority upon written request from a lot owner, to empower and permit if they deem fit, the subdivision of an existing cemetery lot. Upon approval of the subdivision the Cemetery Commission will issue new deeds for the newly created lots to the respective lot owners.

The Commission will set a fee to offset the administrative costs of the Subdivision process.

b)Perpetual care charges will be the responsibility of the new lot owner at the current rate.

c)The sale price of a lot must be paid in full prior to the approval of any subdivision. The owner must provide proof of payment to the Commission prior to the issuance of new deeds.

d)The lot owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Cemetery Commission and the Town of Dudley, for any and all damages which may arise as a result of the subdivision of any lot and subsequent sale to a new owner. This is to include but not be limited to the sales price, method of payment, method of collection, court costs and attorney's fees.

ARTICLE XXVII

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

As used in this by-law, unless the context otherwise indicates.

A. "ANIMALS" – All dogs, cats, domesticated and wild animals of any species, both male and female.

B. "OWNER" OR "KEEPER" – Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or who has in his possession, for eleven (11) consecutive days in any calendar year, an animal, licensed or unlicensed; and cannot show to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer that such animal was sold, had died, was given away or otherwise disposed of. Further, if the owner or keeper of an animal were a minor, the parent or guardian of such minor shall be held liable for any violation of this by-law.

C. "RUN-AT-LARGE" – Free of restraint and permitted to wander on private or public ways at will.

D. "COMMERCIAL KENNEL" – "One pack or collection of dogs or cats maintained on a single premise, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, training, adoption or sale."

E. "RESIDENTIAL KENNEL" – More than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats over the age of six (6) months of age kept for the sole purpose of being household pets in a single private residence.

F. "LICENSE PERIOD" – The time between January 1 and December 31, both dates inclusive.

G. "ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER" – Any officer appointed by the Board of Selectmen to enforce the laws relating to dogs or cats or other animals.

Section 2. DOGS REQUIRED TO BE LEASHED

A. No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run-at-large within the Town of Dudley. No person shall permit a dog owned or kept by him beyond the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless a leash, which shall not exceed ten (10) feet in length or up to twenty-five (25) feet if the leash is retractable, physically restrains the dog.

B. No person shall permit a dog owned or kept by him to run freely within the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless the owner or keeper or other person of adequate age and discretion accompanies the dog and who has "full control" of the animal. If unaccompanied, the dog must be leashed so as to restrain the dog in such manner that the dog is securely confined to the premises of the owner or keeper by fencing or appropriate barriers.

C. For the purpose of this section, "full control" means that the dog will respond to the command, order or signal of the owner or other person responsible for the dog and shall at all times, by his command, order or signal prevent his dog from bothering, worrying, annoying, chasing or barking at any person, domestic animal or livestock.

D. This section was disapproved by the Attorney General and deleted in its entirety.

E. This section shall not apply to property owned and/or controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where a separate set of rules and regulations apply.

F. A dog may for the purpose of events such as working, hunting, field trails or training purposes be exempt from the restraining order during such period of time as the dog is actually engaged in the event or sport, provided the dog is under the direct supervision of a person to properly control its action.

Section 3. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, FEES, EXCEPTIONS

A. Any owner or keeper of a dog six (6) months of age or older in the Town of Dudley shall cause that dog to be licensed as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 during the month of January of each year, or within 30 days after a dog becomes six months old. The license will be obtained from the Town Clerk. Each license shall be numbered and contain the color, breed, gender and special markings of the dog; the name, residential address and phone number of the owner; the expiration date of the rabies vaccination; and other information as the Town Clerk deems appropriate. Each license shall be issued upon the condition that the owner or keeper shall comply with the provisions of this by-law, rule or regulation relating to the ownership and control of dogs.

B. The Town Clerk shall not issue any license including residential kennels unless the owner or keeper provides either a veterinarian's certification that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian, therein, provided, or a notarized letter from a veterinarian that a certification was issued.

C. Any owner or keeper of more than three (3) dogs or three (3) cats must acquire a residential kennel.

D. Commercial Kennels must be fully licensed pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140 and subject to Dudley's Zoning By-laws.

E. Each residential kennel and commercial kennel shall be available to inspection by the Animal Control Officer, a Natural Resource Officer, Fish and Game Warden, Police Officer or the Board of Health.

F. All dogs (6) six months of age or older must be currently vaccinated against rabies as per M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 145b.

G. The annual fee for every animal license, residential kennel and commercial kennel license and all fines relevant to dog control shall be as follows:

The fee for all dogs (male, neutered, female, spayed) shall be Twelve (\$12.00) Dollars per dog.

Residential Kennel License (in excess of 10 dogs) Fifty (\$50.00), (5 to 10 dogs) Forty (\$40.00) Dollars, (not more than 4 dogs) (\$30.00). Commercial Kennel License Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog trained as a guide dog, signal dog, or trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability provided that the owner shows written evidence that the animal is a service dog.

H. The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of dogs shall be performed in the office of the Town Clerk on a form prescribed and supplied by the Town, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog so licensed shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing livestock or fowls.

I. No license fee shall be refunded in whole or in part for any reason.

J. Should any owner or keeper of an animal fail to license that animal as required under M.G.L. Chapter 140 before April, 1, the owner or keeper shall pay a late fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars before obtaining said license, except a dog brought into the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 138. This late fee shall be applicable from the 61st day after the arrival of such dog. Any person maintaining a commercial kennel in the Town of Dudley who fails to license as prescribed by this section and the laws of the Commonwealth, shall pay a late fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, commencing April 1. Any owner or keeper of a dog failing to license by June 15th in any year shall be subject to a fine of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars per dog in addition to the license fee upon the complaint of the Animal Control Officer or Town Clerk. Any person maintaining a Commercial Kennel who fails to license by June 15th in any year shall be subject to a fine of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars upon the complaint of the Animal Control Officer or Town Clerk.

K. The owner or keeper of a licensed animal shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag issued by the Town Clerk at the time of licensing. A fee of \$1.00 (One) Dollar shall be charged to replace a lost tag.

L. In addition to all other sums due and owing for any license fee hereunder, a person who applies for license hereunder shall be obligated to pay all prior amount of license fees and late fines determined to be due and owing by the Town Clerk pursuant to this By-law, for past periods in which said person was obligated to obtain license. It shall be a violation of the By-law to fail to pay any said sum due hereunder; this remedy shall be cumulative.

M. Commercial or Residential Kennel License for cats if Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Section 4. RABIES CONTROL

All dogs and cats owned by a resident of the Town of Dudley shall be properly vaccinated in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Section 145B. Unvaccinated dogs and cats acquired or moved into the Town of Dudley shall be vaccinated within sixty (60) days or upon reaching the age of six (6) months, whichever occurs first.

Those dog owners found in violation of the rabies requirement of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 145B, shall, at the owner's expense, have their dogs properly vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian within ten (10) days of said violation and will receive a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Any dog without current proof of rabies vaccination that is impounded by the Animal Control/Dog Officer will be vaccinated at the owner's expense prior to release by the Animal Control/Dog Officer.

Any animal that is quarantined and requires vaccination shall be vaccinated at the owner's expense. Notification of such vaccination shall be sent to the Animal Inspector within ten (10) days of said vaccination.

Any dog or cat that is not currently vaccinated that bites or scratches any person shall be confined in an approved, adequate boarding facility for a period of not less than ten (10) days, at the owner's expense.

Any dog or cat that is currently vaccinated that bites or scratches any person shall be confined at the home of the owner for a period of not less than ten (10) days.

Any veterinarian bills incurred for vaccinating or preparing any animal for rabies testing shall be at the owner's expense.

Any owner or keeper moving an animal subject to quarantine shall notify the Board of Health in writing prior to moving the animals. The Town of Dudley shall be given the name, address, and phone number as to where the animal is going to be housed.

Any owner or keeper of any animal in the Town of Dudley who has received written notice of quarantine and does not comply with said quarantine order, or if the quarantined animal is found outside the approved enclosure of its owner or keeper and not under his/her immediate care, shall be subject to an immediate order to destroy or order to be housed at an approved boarding facility at the owner's expense.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Inspector to investigate and enforce the provisions of this by-law, and to give written notice to the Board of Health, Animal Control/Dog Officer and the animal owner in regards to all quarantines.

Section 5. MUZZLING DOGS

A. Any owner or keeper of a dog may be ordered to muzzle said dog by a duly appointed Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector and, in his/her absence, by a police officer for either of the following reasons:

- (1) for having bitten, injured or physically molested any person; or
- (2) for having physically injured any dog or other animal.

B. This order shall remain in effect until removed by the officer after having been satisfied that the dog is unlikely to repeat its offense. Such decisions by the officer to remove the said order shall not be unreasonably withheld. A dog muzzled under the provisions of this section shall be monitored by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer so long as the muzzle is in place. The Animal Control Officer or Police Officer may delegate the monitoring to a party subject to written guidelines provided by the Animal Control Officer. In no event shall the order exceed a period of 5 (five) hours except for extraordinary circumstances.

Section 6. IMPOUNDING, RELEASE AND DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS

A. The Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector or in his/her absence, police officers may cause an animal to be impounded for any of the following causes:

- (1) if found without a license when a license is required; or
- (2) if found unrestrained as set forth in Section 2 of this By-law; or
- (3) for violation of a muzzling order as provided for in Section 5 of this By-law; or as provided under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 167, as amended; or
- (4) for having bitten, injured or physically molested any person; or
- (5) for having physically injured any dog or other animal; or
- (6) to restore peace when the owner or keeper of an animal is otherwise unavailable, unwilling, or physically unable to restrain his/her animal from causing a nuisance by continuous barking or howling; or
- (7) to ensure the safety and well-being of the particular animal; or
- (8) for any violation of this by-law.

B. No later than (2) days after the impounding of any animal, the owner or keeper shall be notified, or if the owner or keeper of the animal is unknown, or, after reasonable efforts, is not contacted, written notice shall then be posted for ten (10) consecutive days in the location for posting notices in the Town Hall, which notice shall describe the animal and the place and time of taking. Animals impounded and unclaimed by the owner or keeper after such ten day period shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 151A. Prior to the end of said ten day period, the owner or keeper may obtain the release of such dog or other animal upon payment of all pound fees, fines, and notification costs, if any; and in the case of a violation of A (1) of this Section, upon obtaining a license as required by law.

C. No animal shall be turned over or sold in any manner inconsistent with M.G.L. Chapter 140, S.151 or disposed of inconsistent with the provisions of S. 151A.

D. In the case of a dog bite to a human, if a current rabies inoculation cannot be confirmed, the owner/keeper shall voluntarily subject the animal to euthanasia and rabies testing or subject the animal to mandatory, strict isolation and examination as prescribed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. All expenses incurred, including but not limited to transportation, to be the responsibility of the owner/keeper of said animal.

Section 7. PERSON CONVICTED OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Any person or persons found guilty of a violation of any provisions of Sections 77, 80A, 94 or 95 or M.G.L. Chapter 272 will forfeit the right to own or keep any animal within the Town of Dudley and must immediately, upon conviction, surrender all animals in his/her possession to the Animal Control Officer.

Section 8. COMPLAINT OF DANGEROUS DOGS/EXCESSIVE BARKING

If written complaint is made to the Board of Selectmen or Chief of Police regarding a vicious or dangerous dog or excessive barking/howling or in any other manner disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or endangers the safety of any person or animal, such complaint shall be acted upon in conformance with M.G.L. 140, S. 157 and S. 158.

Section 9. WARRANT TO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

The provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140, S. 153 are incorporated herein.

Section 10. LIABILITY OF OWNER

A. The Owner or Keeper of a dog or animal which has done damage to livestock or fowl shall be liable for such damage, and the Selectmen may order the owner or keeper to pay such damages after an investigation as set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 140.

B. In the event that the owner or keeper of such dog or animal known to have done damage to livestock or fowl refuses to pay upon the order of the Selectmen, the Selectmen shall enter or cause to be entered a complaint in the District Court for the enforcement of the order.

C. In addition, the Board of Selectmen or their agent thereto authorized in writing, may, after written notice to the owner or keeper, enter upon the premises of the owner or keeper of any dog or animal known to them to have killed livestock or fowls, and then and there kill such dog, unless such owner or keeper whose premises are thus entered for the said purpose shall give a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), with sufficient sureties approved by the Board of Selectmen, conditioned that the dog or animal is continually restrained. If the owner or keeper of the dog or animal declares his intention to give such a bond, said Selectmen or their agents shall allow him seven (7) days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, in which to procure and prepare the same and to present it to them, or to file it with the Town Clerk.

D. If a dog or animal which has previously been ordered restrained by the Selectmen, or upon review by the District Court, wounds any person or shall maim or kill any livestock or fowls, the owner or keeper of such dog or animal will be liable to the person injured thereby in triple the amount of damages sustained by him.

E. The owner or keeper of any animal injured or killed by a motor vehicle shall be responsible for the cost of all response, emergency care, treatment and/or disposal of said animal.

Section 11. ENFORCEMENT/PENALTIES

A. The Animal Control Officer(s) duly appointed or, in their absence, police officers shall enforce the provisions of this Animal Control By-law, and shall attend to all complaints or other matters pertaining to animals in the Town of Dudley.

B. Notwithstanding any provisions of the General Laws to the contrary, any person(s) who:

- (1) refuses to answer or answers falsely questions of a Animal Control Officer or a police officer pertaining to his/her ownership of an animal; or
- (2) is found guilty of cruelty to animals which shall include but not be limited to confining an animal in a motor vehicle in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such heat or cold. In order to protect the health and safety of an animal, the Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that this section is being violated shall have authority to enter such motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or person; or
- (3) refuses to turn over any animal to the Animal Control Officer upon demand as authorized by sections 6 and 7 of this By-law; or
- (4) violates a Selectman's order shall be punished by a fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

C. Any owner or keeper who:

- (1) violates the provisions of this By-law; or
- (2) is the owner/keeper of any animal who shall be found by the Animal Control Officer to have defecated on private property other than that of its owner/keeper, or on public property without proper disposal and removal; or
- (3) is the owner/keeper of any animal who intentionally allows any such animal to cause a nuisance by barking, howling or otherwise disturb another person's right to peace; or
- (4) is the owner/keeper of an animal found to have bitten or injured any person, dog or other animal may be penalized by non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 21D, and shall be punished by the imposition of fines as follows:
 - a) A fine of \$25.00 for the first offense.
 - b) A fine of \$50.00 for the second offense.
 - c) A fine of \$100.00 for the third offense and each subsequent offense.
 Fines not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

D. HEAT SEASON: The owner of any unspayed female or unneutered male unleashed dog found by the Animal Control/Dog Officer roaming at large in heat season off the premises of the owner or keeper shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.

E. Where applicable, each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 12. REDEMPTION OF DOGS AND ANIMALS

A. Redemption of Impounded Dogs and Animals: The owner or keeper of any dog or animal impounded under the provisions of the by-law may redeem such dog or animal provided he first reimburse the Animal Control Officer for his/her expenses at the rate of not more than Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars per handling of such dog or animal , plus Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each day, or portion thereof that he/she has confined such dog or animal and procures from the Town Clerk's office a license and tag for any such dog or animal that is not licensed, if required.

B. The owner or keeper of any dog or cat impounded under the provisions of this by-law may redeem such dog or cat provided show proof of a current rabies vaccination before dog or cat is released.

Section 13. ALTERNATE PROCEDURE UNDER M.G.L. CHAPTER 140, SECTION 173A

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of the General Laws to the contrary, any Animal Control Officer who takes cognizance of a violation of:

- (1) this By-law; or
- (2) failure to license animals pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 140 and this By-law; or

(3) failure to obtain residential kennel or commercial kennel license; or
 (4) failure to vaccinate against rabies pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 140, section 145B
 may issue or mail a Notice of Complaint of Violation of Municipal Dog Control By-law to the owner or keeper of such animal.

Section 14. DISCLAIMER/SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

A. Nothing contained within this By-law shall limit or restrict any enforcement officer's authority to seek criminal prosecution of any violation of State or Federal law.

B. If any part, section or provision of this By-law is found to be invalid, the remainder of this By-law shall not be affected thereby.

Section 15. The effective date of this by-law shall be Sept. 1, 2000.

Amendments:

Sec. 1, (D & E), Sec. 3, (B, G & J) - 05/18/09

Sec. 1, (A, B & G); Sec 10, (A, B, C, D & E); Sec. 12 (A / add new paragraph B); Dog Officer changed to Animal Control Officer – 11/07/11

ARTICLE XXVIII

DISCHARGE OF WATER

No artificial collection of standing water, sump pump discharge or underground drainage shall be diverted in such a manner so as to be discharged onto a town highway.

Adopted:

1987

ARTICLE XXIX

FEES

Section 1: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21 (13), all town officers shall pay into the town treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office.

Section 2: Any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, may, from time to time, fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits certificates pursuant to statute or regulation wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing city or town, and may fix reasonable charges to be paid for a service rendered or worked performed by the city or town or any department thereof, for any person or class of persons; provided, however, that in case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board the fixing of fees shall be subject to the review and approval of such elected board.

A fee or charge imposed pursuant to this section shall supercede fees or charges already in effect, or any limitations on amounts placed thereon for the same service, work, license, permit or certificate; provided, however, that this section shall not supercede the provisions of section 31 to 77, inclusive, of chapter 6A, chapter 80, chapter 138, section 121 to 131N, inclusive, of chapter 140 or section 10A of chapter 148. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any certificate, service, or work required by chapter fifty-six, inclusive, or by chapter sixty-six. The fee or charge being collected immediately prior to acceptance of this section for any

license, permit, certificate, service or work will be utilized until a new fee or charge is fixed under this section.

The provisions of this section may be accepted in a city by a vote of the city council, with approval of the Mayor if so required by law, and in a town by vote of the town meeting, or by vote of the town council in towns with no town meeting.

Adopted:

1988

Amendments:

Add Section 2 - 05/18/2009

ARTICLE XXX

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND – ACCEPTED M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 13

To establish and maintain a Municipal Insurance Fund, into which the Town may appropriate an amount not exceeding in any one year one twentieth of one percent of the equalized valuation as defined in section one of Chapter 44, but no money shall be appropriated for which purpose while the fund equals or exceeds one percent of such equalized valuation. Dividend from insurance, and income from such fund shall be paid directly to and become included in the Municipal Insurance Fund. The Town may vote appropriations from such fund and the income thereof, as for the purpose of paying a proper charge for effecting fire insurance on municipal buildings or other municipal property against loss or damage by fire, lightning or otherwise. Such fund shall be managed and administered by the Town Treasurer as a trust fund of the Town.

Adopted:

1988

ARTICLE XXXI

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND – ACCEPTED M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, SECTION 13A

To establish and maintain a Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund, into which the Town may appropriate an amount not exceeding in any one year one twentieth of one percent of its equalized valuation as defined in section one of Chapter 44, but no money shall be appropriated for such purpose while the fund equals or exceeds one percent of such equalized valuation. Dividends from insurance and income from such fund shall be paid directly to and become included in the Workers' Compensation. Such fund shall be managed and administered by the Town Treasurer as a trust fund of the Town.

Adopted:

1988

ARTICLE XXXII

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 41, SECTION 108A AND 108C

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this by-law is to establish a Personnel Board and the scope of its responsibilities. The Board's mission is to establish equitable personnel and employee relations practices for the people who work for the Town of Dudley. This action is authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108 and 108C and Article LXXXIX of The Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Scope

The Provisions of this by-law shall apply to all employees, Boards and Commissions of the Town, who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements as provided in those agreements.

Section 3. Organization

- a) The Board shall consist of *five citizens of the Town who are not paid employees of the Town. The terms of office shall be for three years. Any member may after a hearing, if requested by the member, be removed for cause by the appointing authority.
- b) The members of the Board upon the expiration of the present members' terms, shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for two members, the Town Moderator for one member and the Finance & Advisory Committee for two members. *No members shall be from either appointing committee or board. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Board, the original appointing authority shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 4. Responsibilities

- a) The Board shall be responsible for the establishment of personnel policies and procedures, including, but not limited to: Employment, Job Classification, Hours of Work and Overtime, Benefits, Leaves, Promotions, Reductions in Force, Performance Evaluation, Transfers, Corrective Action and or employment related practices and policies.
- b) The Board shall classify all jobs and positions, and execute a wage and salary administration system.
- c) The Board shall propose wage and salary rates each year for the purposes of administering Section 4b above.
- d) The Board shall administer a final, binding problem solving system, by which Town employees may present and resolve grievances.
- e) In the event that a specific provision of this bylaw should conflict with a specific provision of a collective bargaining agreement, adopted in conformance with Chapter 105E of the General Laws, the provision of the particular collective bargaining agreement shall prevail.
- f) The Board shall research and propose a method to evaluate performance of Town elected and appointed officials.
- g) The Board shall recommend compensation for all presently compensated town positions elected and appointed not otherwise covered by the Town's wage and salary system.

Section 5. Method

- a) With respect to Section 4a above, the Board shall research and prepare proposed rules and regulations, or amendments on their own initiative, or as requested by Town Departments, Boards or employees. The Board shall then notify any affected Boards and Commissions in writing, post notices in prominent locations, and schedule a public meeting with at least ten days notice. The Board will consider all relevant information for the meeting, then vote on the proposals. A majority vote (when a quorum of the Board is present) shall be considered sufficient for adoption.
- b) No rule or regulation promulgated by the Board shall be adopted until prior notification is made to all affected Boards, Commissions, Departments and Employees.
- c) Any section of the Board under Section 4a and 5a may be rescinded by a Majority vote of the Town Meeting.

Section 6. Severability

The provisions of the by-law and any rules and regulations adopted under its authority are severable. If any section of the by-law or regulation is declared invalid, the remaining provisions and regulations shall be unaffected.

Section 7. Annual Hourly Sick Leave Buy-Back

Regular full-time employees may elect to have the Town buy back unused sick leave at the employee's accrued hourly rate of pay at the time of request. The maximum number of days the Town will buy back in one fiscal year is 15 days at the rate of 20% of the accrued hourly rate except at the time of retirement. Regular part-time employees are eligible as above at the prorated basis. Exempt employees may accrue 15 days per year to a maximum of 65 days. Regular full-time employees with over 65 days on June 30, 2005 shall retain the days saved, but may not accrue any more until their total shall fall below 65 days. Exempt employees are not eligible for sick time buy back except at the time of retirement at 20% of the accrued rate. Elected town officials are not eligible for any sick time buy back including any heretofore accrued.

Adopted:
11/13/89

Amended:
1991; Section 4E declared invalid (1992); Section 3a, 3b (05/22/00)

ARTICLE XXXIII

FISCAL YEAR- IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 56

The fiscal year of all towns of the Commonwealth shall begin with July 1st and end with the following June 30th and the returns made to the direction under Section 43 shall show the financial condition of the town at the close of business on June 30th; provided that the Treasurer shall, until July 15th, enter in his books all items for the payment of bills incurred and salaries and wages earned during the previous fiscal year.

Adopted:
05/21/90

ARTICLE XXXIV

FLOODLIGHTED AREAS – DISCHARGE FIREARMS

There shall be no outside floodlighted areas to allow firearms to be discharged after sunset.

Adopted:
06/19/91

ARTICLE XXXV

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND/OR DISPOSAL OF TRASH, REFUSE AND DEBRIS.

No person, on any public or private property, except property owned by the party against whom the enforcement is sought, in the Town of Dudley, shall deposit, drop or throw upon such public or private property, except property owned by the party against whom the enforcement is sought, and suffer to remain there, rubbish or refuse unless it is deposited, dropped or thrown into a receptacle provided for the purpose or unless such activity is pursuant to a lawful permit or license issued by the Town of Dudley or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Adopted:
05/23/94

ARTICLE XXXVI

ALARM SYSTEM REGULATIONS

A. Definitions:

For the purpose of this bylaw the followings terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future; words used in the plural number include the singular number; and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. The term “Alarm System” means an assembly of equipment and devices, or a single device such as a solid state unit which plugs directly into a 110 volt AC line, arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to which the Police and/or Fire Department are expected to respond. Alarm Systems on motor vehicles are specifically excluded from the provisions of this bylaw.
2. The term “Alarm User” or “User” means any person on whose premises an alarm system is maintained within the Town. Excluded from this definition are:
 - a) Municipal, county, state and federal agencies
 - b) Central Station personnel
 - c) Persons who use alarm systems to alert or signal persons within premises in which the alarm system is located of an attempted unauthorized intrusion or holdup attempt. However, if such an alarm system employs an audible signal or a flashing light outside the premises; the user of such an alarm system shall be within the definition of “alarm user” and shall be subject to this bylaw.
3. The term “Central Station” means an office to which remote alarm and supervisory signal devices are connected where operators supervise circuits or where guards are maintained continuously to investigate signals.
4. The term “False Alarm” means a) the activation of an alarm system through

mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, negligence of the user of an alarm system or of his employees or agents, or a deliberate, malicious act; or b) any signal or oral communication transmitted to the Police Department and/or Fire Department when in fact there has been no unauthorized intrusion or attempted unauthorized intrusion into a premises or no attempted robbery or burglary at the premises or no actual fire or smoke condition. Excluded from this definition are activation of alarm systems caused by power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and similar conditions.

5. The term "Chief" means the Chief of Police of Dudley or his designated representative when dealing with unauthorized intrusions or attempted robberies or burglaries. The term Chief means the Fire Chief of the Town of Dudley or his designated representative when dealing with fire alarm issues.
6. The term "Department" means the Town of Dudley Police Department or the Town of Dudley Fire Department or any authorized agent thereof.
7. For the purpose of this bylaw, the term "Public Nuisance" means anything which annoys, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of any person(s) or of any community or neighborhood.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Police Chief and Fire Chief may jointly promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the implementation of this bylaw.

C. CONTROL AND CURTAILMENT OF SIGNALS EMITTED BY ALARM SYSTEMS:

1. Every alarm user shall submit to the Police Chief the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the user and at least two other persons who can be reached anytime, day or night, and who are authorized to respond to an emergency signal transmitted by an alarm system and who can open the premises wherein the alarm system is installed. The list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the responders must be kept current at all times by the alarm user and shall be submitted during the first month of each fiscal year. (July 1st).
2. All alarm systems for unauthorized intrusion only, which use an audible bell or horn shall be equipped with an automatic shut off device which will deactivate the system within fifteen (15) minutes. All alarm users with an audible bell or horn must comply with this section within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this bylaw.
3. Alarms used for fire detection and protection shall not be included in the previous section.
4. Any alarm which fails to comply with the above paragraph 2 and emits a continuous and uninterrupted signal for more than thirty (30) minutes which cannot be shutoff or otherwise curtailed due to the absence or unavailability of the alarm user or those persons designated by him under paragraph one (1) of this section and which disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of a community or neighborhood of the area where the alarm system is located, shall constitute a public nuisance. The Police Chief shall record the time each complaint was made.

In the event that the Police Chief is unable to contact the alarm user, or member's of the alarm user's family, or those person's designated by the alarm user under paragraph (1) of this section, or if the aforesaid persons cannot or will not curtail the audible signal being emitted by the alarm system and if the Police Chief is otherwise unable to abate the nuisance, he may direct a Police Officer or a Firefighter or a qualified alarm

technician to enter upon the property outside the home or building in which the alarm system is located and take any reasonable action necessary to abate the nuisance.

After entry upon the property has been made in accordance with this section and the nuisance abated, the Police Chief shall have the property secured if necessary. The reasonable cost and expense of abating a nuisance in accordance to this section may be assessed to the alarm user and assessment not to exceed \$50.00

5. The Town of Dudley, the Dudley Police Department, the Dudley Fire Department or any agent or person acting on their behalf shall not be liable for any damages and loss as a result of an action after a nuisance alarm has been abated.

D. TESTING OF EQUIPMENT

No alarm system designed to transmit emergency messages directly to the Police Department and Fire Department shall be worked on, tested or demonstrated without obtaining permission from the Police Department and Fire Department communications section. Permission is not required to test or demonstrate alarm devices not transmitting emergency messages directly to the Police Department or Fire Department. An unauthorized test constitutes a false alarm.

E. PENALTIES

The following acts and omissions shall constitute violations of this bylaw punishable by fines as herein provided:

1. An alarm user whose alarm system transmits or otherwise causes a false alarm shall be fined for the first alarm by a written warning letter, the second false alarm by a fine of \$25.00 and for the third and subsequent false alarm by a fine of \$50.00 per false alarm.
2. For a false alarm as a result of a malicious act, the fine structure shall be first alarm in a 12 month period, written warning letter. Second alarm in a 12 month period, \$50.00. Third alarm in a 12 month period, \$100.00. Fourth and any subsequent alarm in a 12 month period, \$500.00.
3. Unregistered or late registered false alarm, \$25.00, with an additional \$25.00 for each month in-noncompliance.
4. Failure to provide current list of responders \$25.00, with an additional \$25.00 for each month in non-compliance.
5. Failure to install automatic shutoff device (intrusion or burglar alarm only) \$25.00 with an additional \$25.00 for each month in non-compliance.
6. Alarm causing public nuisance \$50.00.
7. Improper testing of alarm systems \$25.00.
8. Penalties and fines structure may be changed and updated from time to time by the Board of Selectmen following a public hearing.
9. All fines are payable to the Town of Dudley and received by the Parking Clerk.

F. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this local bylaw of the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a Court to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement shall have been rendered and to the person or circumstances involved. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Town of Dudley that this enactment would have been adopted had such invalid provisions not been included therein.

Adopted:
05/18/98

ARTICLE XXXVII

STREET NUMBERING

Street numbers shall be attached to each dwelling, business, industry and other buildings, which are not accessory in nature in the Town of Dudley.

- a) The numbers shall be made of permanent, weatherproof materials, shall be numeric Arabic numbers at least (3) three inches in height in a contrasting color, and shall be clearly visible from the public way upon which the structure fronts.
- b) Any structure that is not visible from the street or roadway shall have the assigned number posted on a suitable support at the entrance to the driveway that services such structure.
- c) The numbers posted shall be those assigned to each structure as filed in the office of the Assessor. The Assessor shall advise the owners of the property of the assigned or reassigned number in writing at the property's tax address.
- d) It shall be the responsibility of each property owner in the Town to display and maintain the assigned street number within 90 days of adoption of this bylaw at the Town Meeting. The bylaw shall be enforced by the Police Department. Failure to comply with this bylaw shall subject property owners to a fine of not more than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per day for each offense. Each day shall be a separate offense.

Adopted:
05/18/98 - approved by Attorney General, 7/20/98

ARTICLE XXXVIII

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Finance Committee, the Town Treasurer and Four members at large. The Town Administrator and the Town Accountant shall be ex-officio Committee members without the right to vote. The Committee shall choose its own officers.

Section 2. The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving

major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which: 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years; 2) have a useful life of at least five years; and 3) cost over Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) or more. All officers, boards and committees, including the Selectmen, shall, by June 30th of each year, give to the Committee, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing six years. The committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town.

No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the Committee's report, or the Committee shall

first have submitted a report to the Board of Selectmen explaining the omission.

Section 3. The Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Budget for the next fiscal year, and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen

for its consideration and approval and to the FAA for its recommendation. The Board shall submit its approved Capital Budget to the Fall Annual Town Meeting for adoption by the town.

Section 4. Such Capital Improvement Program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the town through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years, or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five years in the future.

Section 5. The Committee's report and the Selectmen's recommended Capital Budget shall be published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the Finance Committee report. The Committee shall deposit its original report with the Town Clerk.

Adopted:
05/22/00

Amendments:
Section 1 and 2 – 11/07/11

ARTICLE XXXIX

DEMOLITION DELAY FOR STRUCTURES OF HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE BY-LAW

12.01.00 Declaration of Policy

Finding that the economic, cultural and aesthetic standing of the Town of Dudley can best be maintained and enhanced by due regard for the historical and architectural heritage of the Town and by striving to discourage the destruction of such cultural assets, it is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures of historical and architectural significance, located within the Town of Dudley is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the prosperity, civic pride and general welfare of the people.

12.02.00 Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

- a. Designate, preserve, protect, enhance and perpetuate those structures and sites within the town that reflect outstanding elements of the Town's cultural, artistic, social, economic, political, architectural, historic or other heritage;
- b. Foster civic pride in the vestiges and accomplishments of the past;
- c. Stabilize or improve the aesthetic and economic vitality and values of such structures and sites;
- d. Protect and enhance the Town's attraction to tourists and visitors;

- e. Promote the use of historical or architectural structures and sites for the education and welfare of the people of the Town;
- f. Promote good urban design including the perpetuation of related private open spaces;
- g. Promote and encourage continued private ownership and utilization of such buildings and sites now so owned and used; and
- h. Provide owners of significant structures with time to consider alternatives to demolition.

12.03.00 Definitions

The provisions of this bylaw shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes expressed or implied in Section 12.02.00. Definitions of the following words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to their common and usual meaning unless the contrary is clearly indicated:

“Commission” – The Dudley Historical Commission

“Demolition” – Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a structure or portion thereof, whether interior or exterior, or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

“Demolition Permit” – A permit issued by the Building Inspector under the State Building Code for the demolition of a building or structure.

“Significant Structure” – A structure or site found by the Dudley Historical Commission to contribute to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town pursuant to Section 12.05.00 of this Bylaw.

12.04.00 Procedure

- a. No permit for demolition of a significant structure shall be issued except as provided in the Bylaw.
- b. Every applicant for a demolition permit shall be made upon a form provided by the Building Inspector and shall be signed by the owner or the owner’s agent under the power of attorney. Every application shall include such locational information, plans and narrative description and justification of the proposed demolition as shall be required under Historical Commission rules and regulations for such applications.
- c. Upon receipt of any application for a demolition permit, the Building Inspector shall within five (5) days transmit a copy thereof to the Dudley Historical Commission.
- d. Within forty-five (45) days of the Commission’s receipt of a copy of the application for a demolition permit, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on such application, and shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a significant structure under one or more of the criteria set forth in Sections 12.05.00 a., and 12.05.00 b. The Commission shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the owner by certified mail, and by posting and by publication once in a local newspaper. The Commission may conduct a site visit prior to the hearing.
- e. If within forty-five (45) days of the Commission’s receipt of a copy of an application for a demolition permit, no public hearing has been held or no finding by the Commission has been filed with the Building Inspector, the Building Inspector may, subject to the requirements of the State Building Code and any other applicable laws, Bylaws, rules and regulations, issue the demolition permit.
- f. If after holding a public hearing the Commission shall determine that the structure is not a significant structure because it fails to meet one or more of the criteria set forth in Section 12.05.00, or if the Commission shall determine that the structure is a significant structure meeting one or more of the criteria set forth in Section 12.05.00, but that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, then the Commission shall notify the Building Inspector in writing of its findings within fourteen (14) days of said determination. Upon receipt of such notification, or upon expiration of said fourteen (14) days without such notice, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit, subject to the requirements of the State Building Code and any other applicable laws, Bylaws, rules and regulations.
- g. If after such hearing the Commission determines that the structure is a significant structure and that the proposed demolition would be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, then it shall file written notice with the findings of its determination to the applicant and the Building Inspector and no demolition permit shall be issued until twelve (12) months after the date of such determination by the Commission, or the issuance of a court decree pursuant to an appeal of such determination, whichever may be later. During the twelve month waiting period, the owner shall make continuing, bona fide attempts to find a buyer or alternative use for the building or structure that will result in its preservation. When a buyer is found, then the owner is obligated to engage in a good faith effort to consummate the transaction.

12.05.00 Standards for Designation as a Significant Structure

The Historical Commission shall determine that a structure be designated as a significant structure if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- a. It is listed on or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places, or is the subject of a pending application for listing on said National Register, or;
- b. The Commission determines that the structure meets one or more of the following three criteria:
 1. **Historical Importance.** The structure meets the criteria of historical importance if it:
 - a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the Town of Dudley, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the nation, or;
 - b. Is the site of an historic event, or;
 - c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society, or;
 - d. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.
 2. **Architectural Importance.** The structure meets the criteria of architectural importance if it:
 - a. Portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style, or;
 - b. Embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, or;
 - c. Is the work of an architect, master builder or craftsman whose individual work has influenced the development of the Town, or;
 - d. Contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represents a significant innovation.
 3. **Geographic Importance.** The structure meets the criteria of geographic importance if:
 - a. The site is part of, or related to, a square, park or other distinctive area, or;
 - b. The structure, as to its unique location or its physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, village center, or the community as a whole.

12.06.00 Demolition

Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 12.04.00 g., the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a significant structure under any of the following circumstances.

- a. If at any time after inspection, the Building Inspector shall determine that the structure poses an imminent threat to the public health or safety of the community under Section 12.07.00 d., and so advises the Commission in writing, or;
- b. The Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is or will be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate, restore or relocate such building and so advises the Building Inspector in writing, or;
- c. The commission is satisfied that the owner has made continuing bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser who would be willing to preserve, rehabilitate, restore or relocate the subject building but that such efforts have been and will continue to be unsuccessful, and so advises the Building Inspector in writing.

12.07.00 Emergency Demolition

- a. If a building or structure poses an immediate threat to public health or safety due to its deteriorated condition, the owner of such building or structure may request issuance of an emergency demolition permit from the Building Inspector.
- b. Upon receipt of any application for an emergency demolition permit, the Building Inspector shall within five (5) days transmit a copy thereof to the Dudley Historical Commission.
- c. As soon as is practicable, but within fourteen (14) days after receipt of such an application, the Building Inspector shall inspect the building or structure with a team consisting of the Building Inspector, Town Engineer, Fire Chief, Historical Commission Chair and two (2) other members of the Commission selected by the Chair, or the designees of said officials.
- d. Within five (5) days after inspection of the building or structure, and after consultation with other members of the inspection team, the Building Inspector shall determine: 1) whether the condition of the building or structure represents a serious and imminent threat to public health and safety, and; 2) whether there is any reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the building or structure which would protect public health and safety.

- I. The Building Inspector finds; 1) that the condition of the building or structure poses a serious and imminent threat to public health and safety, and; 2) that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the building or structure, then the Building Inspector may issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the building or structure.
- II. If the Building Inspector finds; 1) that the condition of the building or structure does not pose a serious and imminent threat to public health and safety, and/or; 2) that there are reasonable alternatives to the immediate demolition of the building or structure which would protect public health and safety, then the Building Inspector may refuse to issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the building or structure.
- e. Upon issuing an emergency demolition permit under the provisions of this section, the Building Inspector shall submit a brief written report to the Commission describing the condition of the building or structure and the basis for his/her decision to issue an emergency demolition permit.

Nothing in this section shall be inconsistent with the procedure for the demolition and/or securing of buildings and structures established by M.G.L. Chapter 143, Sections 6-10.

12.08.00 Enforcement and Remedies

The following enforcement and remedies shall apply under this bylaw:

- a. The Historical Commission is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to carry out its duties and functions under this Bylaw.
- b. The Commission and the Building Inspector are each authorized to institute any and all proceedings in law or equity they shall deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw, or to prevent a violation thereof.
- c. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a structure has been demolished in violation of this bylaw for a period of five (5) years from the date of the completion of such demolition.

12.09.00 Severability

If any section, paragraph or part of this Bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force and effect to the extent that the overall purposes of this article can still be met.

12.10.00 Transferability of Permit

Demolition Permits issued under the provisions of this By-Law shall not be transferable by the applicant and shall become null and void at such time as the underlying property is transferred. A change in control of a business entity shall be considered a transfer by the applicant and shall render the demolition permit null and void.

Amended:

Sec 12.08.00 (c) - 05/21/07, Sec. 12.04.00 (d & e) – 10/25/10

ARTICLE XL

HOME RULE BY-LAW (FOR FIRE CHIEF)

DUDLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Section 1. Definitions

Unless a contrary intention clearly appears, the terms used in this bylaw shall be construed as follows:

“**Chief**” – shall mean the head of the Fire Department

“**Department**” – shall mean the Fire Department

“**Employees**” – shall mean all the personnel of the Fire Department other than the members of the uniformed firefighting force;

“**Uniform Member**” – shall mean a member of the uniformed firefighting force, including all officers and firefighters;

“**Fire Officials or Officers**” – shall mean the Chief, the deputy chief(s), the captains, and the lieutenants;

“**Firefighter**” – shall mean a uniform member with the lowest rank also known as “private.”

Section 2. Establishment

Under the authority of the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution there is hereby established under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, a department to be known as the “*Fire Department*” (hereinafter “*Department*”).

Section 3. Function

It shall be the function of the Department to provide fire protection, firefighting, ambulance services, and other emergency services to the town; to carry out the fire prevention duties described by the General Laws and the Fire Prevention Code; and to investigate fires.

Section 4. Personnel; Appointing Authority

The Department shall consist of the Chief and such other full-time members and employees as the Board of Selectmen shall authorize, *subject to appropriation by Town Meeting*. The Board of Selectmen shall be the Appointing Authority for all full-time members and employees through a committee established by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 5. Head of Department

The Department shall be headed by the Chief who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 6. Duties & Responsibilities of Fire Chief

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Chief:

- (a) to perform all duties prescribed by chapters forty-eight and one hundred and forty-eight of the General Laws and by rules and regulations of the Department;
- (b) to provide fire protection, firefighting, fire prevention, ambulance services, and other emergency service for the Town, including but not limited to, salvage and overhauling operations;
- (c) to examine the conditions of all property of the Department and to cause the same to be kept in good condition and repair and ready for immediate service;
- (d) to have care and custody of all equipment and supplies of the Department;
- (e) to inspect the fire companies and equipment;
- (f) to train the uniform members and the fire companies in fire and ambulance operations and to provide each uniform member with a manual containing the rules and regulations of the Department and pertinent bylaws and to enforce the same;
- (g) to maintain discipline within the Department;
- (h) to assign uniform members and employees to duties and tasks;
- (i) to schedule uniform members and employees for work;
- (j) to conduct the inspection prescribed in the General Laws and the Fire Prevention Code;
- (k) to maintain adequate books and records and inventory of Department equipment and supplies in such detail to furnish all information necessary for the operation of the Department and to permit analysis and report to the Board of Selectmen;
- (l) to prepare the Department Budget for submission to the Board of Selectmen;
- (m) to administer the Department; and
- (n) to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

Section 7. Incident Authority of Fire Chief

The Chief, or, in his absence, the officer in charge shall have sole command at the location of any fire or during the emergency response to any release of hazardous materials over all members of the Department and all other persons who may be present and shall have authority to direct all measures for the extinguishment of fires, protection and preservation of property and life, preservation of order and the observance of laws, bylaws and rules and regulation respecting fires or hazardous materials at such incidents.

Section 8. Aid to Other Cities and Towns

The Chief is authorized to extend such aid as he may deem necessary to another city, town, fire district or area under federal jurisdiction for extinguishing fires therein. The Chief shall notify the Town Administrator of any aid outside of the Town of Dudley.

Section 9. Fire Inspection

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Chief to have the Department conduct fire inspections and to assign uniform members to conduct such inspection.
- (b) Any uniform member, while making such inspection, shall be in uniform and wear the badge of the Department.
- (c) Records of these inspections shall be kept at the office of the Chief and shall be available for inspection by the Board of Selectmen.

- (d) The Chief, in his annual report, shall give the results of these inspections, stating the number of inspections made and a list of cases requiring the enforcement of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code.

Section 10. Excusing Uniform Members from Duty

- (a) The Chief shall determine the time and manner of excusing uniform members of the Department from duty. A member so excused shall be exempt from duty and from attendance at a fire station or other place, but otherwise shall be subject to all laws and rules and regulations relating to a uniform member of the Department.
- (b) The Chief shall have the authority, whenever in his judgement, any public emergency or any demand for the services of the Department requires, to prevent any uniform members of the Department taking time off when the member is entitled thereto at the time assigned therefore or to recall such uniform member back to duty for such duration and to such extent as the Chief deems necessary.

Section 11. Off-Duty Employment of Uniform Members

No full-time member of the Department shall, during off-duty hours, enter the employ of any persons, firm, corporation, or engage in any gainful occupation without the express written permission of the Chief. In granting of any such permission, the Chief shall first determine that:

- (a) such employment or occupation is not incompatible with the full-time members' employment as a firefighter nor tend to bring the Department into disrepute;
- (b) such employment or occupation will not impair the full-time member's efficiency.

Section 12. Traffic Control by Uniform Members

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of the Bylaws, uniform members of the Department, if so authorized by the officer in charge, may direct traffic as may be required to permit fire vehicles to leave or enter a firehouse or to park at the scene of any emergency.

Section 13. Drawing Water from Hydrants or Reservoirs

No uniform member or any employee of the Department shall draw water from the reservoirs or hydrants except in case of fire or other emergencies unless specifically authorized by the Chief to do so.

Section 14. Taking Department Property Out of the Town

No property belonging to the Department shall be taken out of town limits unless by order of the Chief.

Section 15. Forest Warden

Under the authority of the General Laws, chapter 48, sec. 8, there shall be within the Department, the position of Forest Warden. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Forest Warden in accordance with the General Laws for a term of one year. The Forest Warden shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law.

Section 16. Absence or Disability of Fire Chief

The Board of Selectmen shall, by rule, determine what officer shall act, with full duties and authority, in the place of the Chief during the absence or disability of the Chief.

Section 17. Assistance and Responsibility

- (a) The deputy fire chief(s), and all other uniform members shall perform their duties prescribed by law or by the Chief under the direction and command of the Chief and shall aid the Chief in the performance of his duties prescribed by this Bylaw.
- (b) In the administration of the Department, the Chief shall be responsible to and under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 18. Ambulance Service

The Department shall provide the ambulance service for the Town. All full-time members shall be licensed as emergency medical technicians and shall perform such duties under the command of the Chief.

The Chief shall establish and provide for appropriate billing and collection of ambulance service charges to the users of the service. The Chief shall set the rates of the ambulance service with the approval of the board of Selectmen.

The Chief shall ensure that the ambulance service and uniform members comply with the state regulations regarding the ambulance service.

Section 19. Rules and Regulations

The Chief shall promulgate, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, rules and regulations for the operation of the fire department, and the uniform members, and employees, including the off duty conduct of uniform members.

Section 20. Effective Date and Transition

On the effective date of this Bylaw, the Board of Fire Engineers shall be abolished and all uniform members and employees of the Board shall be transferred to the Dudley Fire Department. This Bylaw shall not impair any contract of the Board of Fire engineers, which shall be assumed by the Town of Dudley. Any rules and regulations and policies of the Board of Fire Engineers shall continue in full force and effect, unless conflicting with this Bylaw, until superseded by policies and rules and regulations adopted under Section 6 and Section 19 of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE XLI

INVESTMENT POLICY

TOWN OF DUDLEY INVESTMENT POLICY

POLICY

It is the policy of the town of Dudley to invest all public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the entity and conforming to all state statutes and local by-laws governing the investment of public funds.

AUTHORITY

The treasurer shall receive and take charge of all money belonging to the town, and pay over and account for the same according to the order of the town or of its authorized officers. The treasurer shall invest all public funds except those required to be kept uninvested for purpose of immediate distribution. Invested funds are required to be placed at the highest possible rate reasonably available, taking into account safety, liquidity, and yield.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS

Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), chapter 44, section 55, sets forth the requirements and limitations of investments for municipal treasurers. These include in part: Term deposits or certificates of deposits; deposits in trust companies, national or state chartered banks in the form of money markets, super now accounts, or other forms of liquid investments; united states government securities such as treasury bills, and government agencies etc.; all having a maturity from date of purchase of one year or less.

Repurchase agreements not to exceed 90 days.

Investments in a pooled fund operated under the authority of the state treasurer, such as the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

Money market funds operated under rule 2a-7 and that have a AAA rating

MGL, Chapter 44, Section 54 sets forth the requirements and limitations of investment of trust funds, to the extent not otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof

INVESTMENT GOALS

The town's investment activities will be managed by the treasurer pursuant to the following goals:

To maintain all collected balances fully invested, to the maximum extent possible.

To maintain an annual average of 98% of treasurer's ledger cash invested at current money market rates. This is based on an estimate that the daily average of uncollected funds represents 2% of ledger cash. For purposes of this section, current money market rates shall be considered the average of all taxable money market funds as found at www.imoney.net, or if unavailable, a similar source.

To maintain a reasonable rate of return on all invested funds, making security of principal the main priority, with due consideration to liquidity and yield.

At such time as equity investments are allowed under the guidelines established in the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 54, the treasurer, or other investment authority, as the case may be, shall commit some funds to equity investments in order to provide a component of growth investments in the allocation of town assets.

A written statement of the asset allocation policy shall be a part of the annual report of the treasurer. It shall include a percentage breakdown of the allocation of resources to short term fixed dollar, intermediate term fixed dollar, long term bond, real estate and equity investments with a statement of the reasoning behind the choice of asset allocation. If no resources are allocated to any of the aforementioned investments, the reasoning for having no assets so allocated shall be stated in writing.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, THE TREASURER SHALL:

- 1) Organize and maintain banking relationships designed to insure investment of all funds available.
- 2) Maintain a primary relationship with banks with no less than a color code of green/*** based on the Veribanc, Inc., bank rating service.

- 3) Utilize bank certificates of deposit and United States treasuries and United States agencies for maturity periods which provide a favorable rate and in conjunction with cash flow needs.
- 4) Utilize the state treasurer's pooled investment fund.
- 5) Utilize repurchase agreements only on a limited basis when no other more favorable option is possible and then only for a period of no more than seven days and only with banks rated as described in item 2 above.
- 6) Utilize bank money market accounts for all remaining liquid funds.
- 7) Avoid the necessity to redeem a term deposit prior to maturity.
- 8) Utilize wire transfers of funds whenever the interest benefit exceeds the transaction cost associated with the wire.

RISK LIMITS

The following limits shall be utilized:

State Treasurer's Pooled Fund	No Limit
U.S. Treasury Securities	No Limit
U.S. Government Agencies	No Limit

GREEN/*** BANKS

Not in excess of 15% of capital and surplus as of most recent annual report. Total includes all money in C.D.'s, Money Markets etc.

In addition to these limits, no single banking institution shall hold in excess of 25% of the treasurer's cash balance (cash and investments) at any time. This limit does not apply to a state treasurer's pool.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

The treasurer shall at all times be cognizant of and comply with provisions of the following sections of the Massachusetts General Laws:

CHAPTER 44, SECTION 55 PUBLIC FUNDS ON DEPOSIT; LIMITATIONS; INVESTMENTS
 CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F COMPENSATING BALANCES
 CHAPTER 44, SECTION 55B INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS
 CHAPTER 44. SECTION 54 INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

**Adopted:
06/19/06**

ARTICLE XLII CONSERVATION CONSULTANT FEES

The Conservation Commission upon receipt of an application, or at any point during the hearing process, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Commission for specific expert engineering and other consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on the application. This fee is called the "consultant fee." The specific consultant services may include, but are not limited to, interdepartmental site inspections and evaluations of submittals to those departments, performing or verifying the accuracy of resource area survey and delineation; analyzing resource area functions and values, including wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrogeologic and drainage analysis; and researching environmental or land use law. The Commission is

authorized to set fees on a site by site basis or by estimate for those projects which come before its review it deems necessary for consultant oversight.

ARTICLE XLIII *CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY-LAW*

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect the floodplains, wetlands and related water resources, riverfront areas and adjoining land areas in the Town of Dudley by prior review and control of activities deemed to have a significant effect upon wetland or resource area values, including, but not limited to, the following: public or private water supply, ground water, water quality, flood control, sedimentation and erosion control, storm damage prevention and flowage, water pollution control, wildlife and wildlife habitats, fisheries, fish and shellfish habitats, rare plant and animal species, agriculture, aquaculture and recreation values deemed important to the community (collectively, the “wetland values protected by the bylaw”). This bylaw is adopted under authority of Section 6, Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, known as the Home Rule Amendment, and General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21.

All of the procedures and requirements set forth in the Wetlands Protection Regulations of 310 CMR 10.00 et. seq. are hereby incorporated and made a part of these regulations except where they differ from or depart from these regulations. Where these regulations differ from or depart from the state regulations, they shall take precedence over the state regulations. The applicant should first address the regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 et. seq. and then supplement them with the Dudley Wetlands Regulations.

Unless otherwise indicated in the bylaw or these regulations, definitions, timeframes, forms and procedures shall be the same as stated in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

The Commission, its agents, officers and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2: JURISDICTION

RESOURCE AREAS

Except as permitted by the Dudley Conservation Commission or as otherwise provided in this bylaw, no person shall commence to remove fill, dredge, degrade, discharge into, alter or build upon the following resource areas: freshwater wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, bogs, swamps, vernal pools, banks, reservoirs, lakes, ponds of any size, beaches, lands under water bodies, lands subject to flooding or inundation by ground water or surface water, any land bordering thereon. Bordering in this context shall mean either the greater of the following:

- 100 feet horizontally lateral from the bank of any freshwater wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, bogs, swamps, vernal pools, banks, reservoirs, lakes, ponds, and beaches
- 100 feet horizontally lateral from the water elevation of the 100-year storm
- 200 feet horizontally lateral from the mean annual high water elevation of any perennial stream or river
- Vernal pools whether or not certified by the state shall be considered a resource area. It is the policy of the Commission to protect vernal pools because they provide valuable and increasingly rare wildlife habitat. Because they do not contain water all seasons of the year, a vernal pool must be identified in order to be protected. This can be done as part of the Determination of Applicability or part of the Notice of Intent review, or prior to these processes by the landowner, the Conservation Commission or other qualified person. The Commission must be satisfied that the person identifying a vernal pool is qualified to do so.

In addition, it is the policy of the Commission to advise applicants on these non-regulated wetland resource areas:

- A. intermittent streams up gradient of wetland Resource Areas
- B. isolated land subject to flooding below 310 CMR 10.57 size thresholds
- C. isolated wetlands less than 5,000 sq. ft.

The Commission will make every effort to identify these areas at the site, will recommend locating them on the plans, will encourage applicants to avoid impacts to these areas, and will suggest possible measures to mitigate unavoidable impacts with respect to drainage and flood control.

Buffer Zone

Development proposed in the Buffer Zone can negatively impact the abutting Resource areas(s). Negative impacts, both from the "construction" and "use" phase of the project can include erosion, siltation, loss of pollution attenuation, loss of groundwater recharge, reduced water quality and loss of wildlife habitat. A 25 foot strip of continuous, undisturbed, indigenous vegetative cover along the Resource Area boundary within the 100 foot Buffer Zone shall be maintained, where practicable, in order to protect water quality, improve water recharge, reduce erosion and pollution to the adjacent wetland resource areas, and provide wildlife habitat.

Nothing herein shall preclude the maintenance of an existing structure located within the buffer zone. The Conservation Commission may allow activities upon an express determination that the applicant has made a clear and convincing showing that the proposed work in the buffer zone and its natural and consequential impacts and effects will not adversely affect the wetland values.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS

The Order of Conditions and application required by this bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, and other telecommunication services provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to the commencement of any work, and provided that the work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

AGRICULTURAL WORK

Any agricultural activity as defined by the Farm Assessment Act, MGL Chapter 61A, exempt from the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40, MGL c. 128 s.1A and from the Wetlands Protection Regulations 310 CMR 10.00 (normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use) will also be exempt under the Dudley Bylaws.

Additionally, any agricultural activity as defined by the Farm Assessment Act, MGL Chapter 61A and on land not under the jurisdiction of the Mass Wetlands Protection Act and implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00) will be exempt from all local jurisdiction.

The application and Order of Conditions required by this bylaw shall not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land.

EMERGENCY WORK

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof, provided that

advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project, a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a Public Hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

WAIVERS FROM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Strict compliance with this bylaw may be waived when, in the judgment of the Commission, such action is in the public interest, and is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Bylaw. Any request for a waiver must be submitted to the Commission in writing stating why a waiver is desired or needed, is in the public benefit, and is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Wetlands Protection Act and this Bylaw. The Waiver(s) shall be presented at the time of filing.

SECTION 4

ADVICE FROM TOWN STAFF

Any advice, opinion, or information given to an Applicant by a Commission member, or by any agency, officer, or employee of the Town, shall be considered advisory only, and not binding on the Commission.

Any person who is proposing to undertake an activity and desires to know what is required of them may arrange a preliminary discussion by contacting the Conservation Office and arranging a time for consultation.

SECTION 5 - FEES

FEE SCHEDULE

In addition to the Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 141, Section 40 and Regulations 310 CMR 10.00 et. seq.) filing fees, the applicant shall submit a Site Evaluation Fee of \$150.00 with submission of a Request for Determination of Applicability or a Notice of Intent. Fees are payable at the time of application and are non-refundable.

The Conservation Commission shall use such fees to implement this bylaw, the regulations promulgated hereunder, and any policies developed by the Conservation Commission, including but not limited to the employment of a Conservation Consultant. The responsibilities of the Conservation Consultant may include, but are not limited to: review of resource areas, performing site visits, briefing the Conservation Commission, serving as liaison between the Conservation Commission, applicants, abutters, consultants and other interested parties, drafting Determinations of Applicability and Orders of Conditions, verifying implementation of erosion control measures, facilitating Public Hearings, reviewing requests for certificates of compliance and enforcing the provisions of this Article, the regulations promulgated hereunder, and the policies developed by the Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission may waive the filing fee for a Notice of Intent application or a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by a government agency.

Wetland Consultant Fees

In order to enforce the regulations promulgated hereunder, and the policies developed by the Conservation Commission to the extent consistent with Ch. 44, Section 53G of the M.G.L. and any other law pertaining thereto, or at any point during the review of an application until a Certificate of Compliance is issued, the Conservation Commission may find that the assistance of outside consultants is warranted due to the size, scale or complexity of a proposed project or because the project may have a significant effect upon the values the Conservation Commission is authorized to protect. The exercise of discretion by the Commission in

making its determination to require the payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional information acquirable only through outside consultants would be necessary for the making of an objective decision.

In such instances where Consulting fees are required, the Commission shall notify the Applicant of this need and shall provide the opportunity for the application to be amended or withdrawn. Should an Applicant choose to proceed, the Commission shall require the Applicant to pay the fees for these consulting services. The consultant services may include, but shall not be limited to, ascertaining the extent of the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction, analyzing resource area functions and values, evaluating wildlife habitat, analyzing hydro geologic and drainage conditions, providing assistance during appeal or litigation, researching environmental or land use law, and inspecting work to insure compliance. The Commission shall return any unused portion of the consultant fee to the applicant unless the Commission decides at a public meeting that other action is necessary.

For business, commercial and industrial filings, prepayment of the estimated wetland consultant's fee for the entire project including building construction, shall be required before the Public Hearing. For subdivisions, estimated wetland consultant's fee shall include the cost of reviewing land preparation, grading, placement of utilities, and construction of roads and drainage systems.

Outside consultants shall be chosen by the Commission. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or size of the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal to the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of the MGL c.44 s.53G. The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum required qualifications. The standard of qualification shall consist of Massachusetts certification or license in the field at issue or references mutually acceptable to the Commission and the applicant, showing expertise and experience in the field at issue. The required time limit for action upon an application by the Commission shall be extended by the duration of the administrative appeal.

SECTION 6 - FILING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Timeframes for Submission of Documentation

In order to insure adequate and proper review by the Commission, staff and the public, all permit application documentation -- including forms, narrative descriptions, plans, maps, tables, charts, reports, etc. -- must be submitted to the Conservation Commission no later than fourteen calendar days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing, or its continuation. Documentation submitted by the Applicant thirteen calendar days or less before the public hearing may be excluded from said hearing or held for discussion at a subsequently scheduled hearing. Submission of material by the Applicant thirteen calendar days or less before the Public Hearing will constitute a constructive request by the Applicant for a continuation of the hearing if, in the opinion of the Commission, the Commission, staff or public has not had adequate or sufficient time to properly consider said material.

Request for Determination of Applicability Wetlands Protection Act Form 1

The Request for Determination of Applicability shall include sufficient information to enable the Commission or its consultant to find and view the area and to determine whether the proposed project will alter an Area Subject To Protection. The information shall include, at a minimum:

Form 1 (Wetland Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, s. 40);

Such Plans, prepared and stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer and Registered Professional Land Surveyor, as are needed to locate and inspect the area and to determine whether the proposed work may significantly alter an Area Subject To Protection. The requirement that Plans be stamped by a registered professional engineer and registered professional land surveyor may be waived by the Commission or its agent if it is deemed unnecessary. These Plans shall show:

- All Wetlands that are within 100 feet of the edge of Activity;
- Riverfront Areas including inner and outer riparian zones
- Wetland Protection Setbacks
- The 100 foot Buffer Zone;
- Erosion and sedimentation control/prevention devices and method of maintenance;
- The edge of disturbance, if different from the erosion control/prevention devices;
- Location of stockpiled materials, if any.

The Request for Determination of Applicability shall be sent by certified mail or hand-delivered to the Dudley Conservation Commission. If necessary, the Commission and/or its agent may require that additional information be submitted to aid in the evaluation. If all data required by the Commission and/or its agent is not received, the filing shall not be considered complete, a Public Meeting shall not be scheduled and the Applicant shall be notified.

It is the responsibility of the Applicant to advertise the Public Meeting Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality no less than 7 calendar days prior to the Public Meeting.

At the Public Meeting, the Commission will determine:

- Positively: that the area or Activity is subject to the jurisdiction of the WPA and Commission and requires the filing of a Notice of Intent; or
- Negatively: that the area or Activity is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, or that the interests protected by the WPA and Bylaw are fully protected by the project as proposed.

Notice of Intent Wetlands Protection Act Form 3

Written or typed Wetlands Protection Act Notice of Intent applications shall be filed with the Commission to perform Activities regulated by the Wetlands Protection Act or the Bylaw affecting Resource Areas. The application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed Activities and their effects on Areas Subject to Protection. No Activities shall commence prior to issuance of a file number by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, receipt and recording of the Order of Conditions issued. When a person filing is other than the owner, the Applicant shall provide all forms, plans, and meeting notices to the owner by hand delivery or Certified Mail.

The filing shall at a minimum include:

- Two copies of the Wetlands Protection Act Form 3 (Notice of Intent);
- Such plans and specifications as are required of an Applicant under the Wetlands Protection Act as specified in the regulations including:
 - all Wetlands within one hundred (100) feet of the edge of Activity shall be marked with flagging tape, which will correspond to the edge of Wetlands indicated on the plans
 - placement of siltation control devices
 - locations of fill storage and spoils area (if requested), subject to the approval of the Commission
- The applicant shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny or grant an Order of Conditions.
- The Commission requires applicants to demonstrate that no significant change in off-site runoff will result from proposed work. Because increased runoff impacts land downstream and reduces natural groundwater recharge, the Commission may require measures (such as stormwater detention basins) to prevent increased runoff. Direct discharge of runoff into a Resource Area will not be allowed.
- List of Abutters certified by the Dudley Board of Assessors

- Signed green cards and Certified Mail Receipts for unclaimed/unreturned green cards. If proof of said notification is not presented to the Commission, the Public Hearing shall not be opened.
- Detailed sequence of construction
- Detailed plan of Wetland Replication or restoration if the project proposes a Wetland Alteration
- Payment of State and Local fees. Estimated wetland consultant's fees, if applicable, shall be paid prior to the scheduled Public Hearing
- Proof of legal advertisement. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to place the Public Hearing Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality not less than 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing.
- The Applicant filing a Notice of Intent shall also notify by certified mail, all Abutters of the Notice of Intent filing using the Notification to Abutters Form. Such Notice shall clearly identify the land on which the project is to be done and describe the general nature of the project. Notice shall include the date, place, and time of said public hearing, and where Plans may be reviewed. The Notification of Abutters should be sent not less than eight (8) business days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing.
- **Rare Species** - Where the project site warrants, the Applicant may be required to submit quantitative habitat analysis. In areas under the jurisdiction of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, the Applicant must obtain a written decision from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program indicating the presence, or lack thereof, any protected or endangered species.

SECTION 7 – NOTIFICATION TO OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Applicant shall provide written notice thereof at the same time, by certified mail or hand delivery, to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health and Building Inspector. The Commission shall not take final action until such boards and officials have had seven (7) days from receipt of notice to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission. The Commission shall take into account any comments or recommendation, but they shall not be binding on the Commission. The applicant shall have the right to receive any such comments and recommendations, and to respond to them at the Public Hearing, prior to final action.

SECTION 8 – PUBLIC HEARINGS, PERMITS AND CONDITIONS

Public Hearing

The Commission shall have the authority to continue the Public Hearing to a date announced at the Hearing; for reasons stated at the Hearing, which may include receipt of additional information from the applicant or others, deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, or comments and recommendations of Town Board and Officials. In the event the applicant objects to a continuance or postponement, the hearing shall be closed and the Commission shall take action on such information as is available.

Orders of Conditions Wetlands Protection Act Form 5

If the Commission, after a Public Hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect upon the resource area values, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny an Order of Conditions for the activities requested. If it issues an Order of Conditions, the Commission shall impose conditions which are deemed necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions. The Commission shall take into account the cumulative adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation, and replication of protected resource areas throughout the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities.

The Commission is empowered to deny an Order of Conditions for failure to: meet the requirements of the Order of Conditions; submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; meet the design specifications, performance standards and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; avoid or

prevent unacceptable significant adverse effects upon the resource area functions and characteristics; and where no conditions are adequate to protect those functions and characteristics. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the Public Hearing.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid wetlands alteration wherever feasible, shall minimize wetlands alteration and where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with adequate security, professional design, and monitoring to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

It is the responsibility of the Applicant to record the Order of Conditions at the Registry of Deeds within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies. Failure to record the Order of Conditions within fifteen (15) days will declare it null and void. The Applicant will then be required to start the filing process from the beginning including all forms, fees, plans, Public Hearing, legal notices and notification to abutters.

Posting of DEP file number, hay bales, silt fence and filings pit, as required by the Conservation Commission shall be in place prior to commencement of any work.

For good cause, the Commission may revoke or modify an Order of Conditions issued after Public Notice and Public Hearing, and written notice to the holder of the Order of Conditions.

An Order of Conditions shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Any Order of Conditions may be renewed twice for an additional one to three year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. An Order of Conditions may contain requirements which shall be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and shall apply to all owners of the land.

EXTENSIONS Form 7 – Extension Permit for Order of Conditions

The Commission may extend an Order of Conditions twice for a period of one to three years for each extension. Written requests for an Extension shall be made not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of said Order of Conditions.

The Commission may deny a request for Extension under the following circumstances:

- where no work has begun on the project, except where such failure is due to unavoidable delay, such as appeals in obtaining other necessary permits;
- where new information, not available at the time of original permanent filing, has become available and indicates the Order of Conditions is insufficient to protect the Areas Subject to Protection;
- where incomplete work is causing damage to the Areas Subject to Protection;

The Extension shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds by the Applicant within 15 days of receipt or the Extension will be declared null and void.

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

- A request for a Certificate of Compliance shall be made in writing on the appropriate form to the Commission (Form 8A).
- Prior to issuance of the Certificate of Compliance, a site inspection shall be made by the Commission and/or its agent.

- If the Commission determines after review and inspection that the work has not been done in compliance with the Order, it shall refuse to issue the Certificate of Compliance and specify the reasons for denial in writing to the Applicant.
- If the Certificate of Compliance does not apply to all work regulated by the Order of Conditions, it shall state to what portions of the Work it applies.
- The Certificate of Compliance, if issued, shall be recorded by the Applicant at the Registry of Deeds.

SECTION 9 – VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter protected resource areas, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued.

Identification of Violations

Violations are identified by three primary means: observations by the Conservation Commissioners, Conservation Consultant and citizens. Reports of violations are always confidential; Commissioners and staff may not reveal the source of any report of possible violations.

When possible violations are reported, a Commissioner or the Wetland Consultant will determine whether a violation exists and if an Enforcement Order is necessary. The Wetland Consultant may consult with the Commission Chairman and other members as necessary, but if time or other constraints exist, may proceed employing best judgment. Any Enforcement Order issued by any individual must be ratified by the Commission at a public meeting.

Violations

If a Commissioner or the Wetland Consultant confirms or strongly suspects a violation, an Enforcement Order will be issued. Enforcement Orders will direct the property owners and contractors to (1) stop work, (2) identify resource areas on the site, (3) install erosion controls, and (4) meet with the commission to discuss the violation.

If a wetland line has been previously approved by the Commission, its location will be the basis for evaluation of the Violation. If a wetland line has not been established or approved by the Commission, then the Commission or Enforcement Order may require the owner, developer, and contractor to employ a wetland scientist to identify wetland resource areas with flagging within a time frame not longer than two weeks from the date of the Enforcement Order. All Enforcement Orders will be maintained in the Conservation database and placed on file.

At the subsequent meeting, the Commission will consider the following aspects of the violation:

- Value of the area to the statutory interests
- Harm of the damage
- Immediacy of the harm
- Value of restoration
- Feasibility of restoration
- Potential legal outcomes
- Potential financial burden to the Town of Dudley

The Commission shall have authority to enforce its regulations and permits by the issuance of Enforcement Orders, administrative orders and the initiation of civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates the provisions may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, fined, or both. The enforcing officers in the non-criminal disposition procedure shall be members of the Conservation Commission or its agents.

Upon request of the Commission, the Town Administrator and the Town Counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations under the non-criminal disposition procedures set forth in G.L. 40, s. 21D.

In addition to any other remedies available under any law or this bylaw, any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, regulation, permit or administrative order issued may be fined according to the fine schedule below.

- The fine for filling in a wetland or resource area shall be \$75.00 per square foot per day. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense with each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits or administrative order(s) violated shall constitute a separate offense.
- For all other violations, each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits or administrative order(s) violated shall constitute a separate offense.

In a specific case, the Commission may issue the following penalties for wetland violations (not including filling of wetlands) after initial notification by the Dudley Conservation Commission or its agents:

First day of offense: \$100.00

Second day of offense: \$200.00

Third day and all subsequent days of offense: \$300.00

SECTION 10 - CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND RESTRICTIONS

Sequence of Construction

The Applicant shall provide a detailed sequence of construction to the Commission as part of the standard filing requirements, detailing in what order the project's construction will follow. Said sequence shall be followed by the Applicant, unless amended and approved by the Commission.

Wetland Setbacks for New Activities

In order to protect and preserve the public interests and values of the wetlands and waterways of the Town of Dudley, activities in Wetland and Buffer Zone Resource Areas should be avoided to the full extent practicable. The following are the minimum distances (setbacks) of activity from the edge of Wetlands or Vernal Pools. These setbacks are the minimum and may be extended further if deemed necessary for the protection of the interests of the Bylaw by the Commission.

The setbacks shall be as follows:

- 0-foot setback for wetland-dependent structures (drain outfalls, weirs, etc.), fences, and structures necessary for upland access where reasonable alternative access is unavailable.
- 50-foot setback of undisturbed natural vegetation.
- 75-foot no-build setback to the edge of driveways, roadways, and structures.
- 50-foot chemical free area, within which no fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides or other chemical maintenance substances shall be used.
- 100-foot setback for underground storage of gasoline, oil, or other fuels and hazardous materials.
- 100-foot setback of undisturbed natural vegetation to the mean high water line for vernal pools.

Wetland Setbacks for Existing Structures

No new activity shall be commenced and no new structure shall be located closer to the edge of a Wetland Resource Area than existing non-conforming like Activities or structures, but the Commission may permit new like Activity or structures as close to the Wetland Resource Area as the existing like Activity or structure if it finds such Activity or structure will not affect more adversely the interests provided for under the Wetlands Protection Act or in the Bylaw than the existing Activity or structure.

Erosion Prevention

The purpose of installing a silt prevention barrier (hay bales and silt fence) between the proposed limit of disturbance and the edge of Wetlands is to intercept sediment-laden runoff by reducing runoff velocity and allowing suspended sediments to "settle out" before entering the Wetlands Resource Area. Such sediments shall be removed and sediment barriers monitored and replaced when necessary by the Applicant, or when required by the Commission or its agent.

Proposed location of the silt prevention devices, silt fence and hay bales, shall be shown on the Plan submitted in the Wetland filing furnished by the Applicant for Commission review and approval. Erosion prevention devices shall be installed prior to the commencement of Activities on the site.

Storage of Fill

If any Fill is to be stored on site, it shall be stored outside of the Buffer Zone and/or it shall be surrounded by hay bales and silt fencing to prevent erosion. The location of said Fill shall appear on any Plans submitted to the Commission with the Notice of Intent. If the Commission determines that the proposed location of Fill threatens the Areas Subject to Protection, it may require the Applicant to store said Fill in a different location or to remove it completely from the site.

Construction Debris or Spoils Area

There shall be no disposal or burial of construction debris (i.e. scrap lumber, metals, concrete, asphalt, piping, logs, stumps, etc.) within 100' of a Wetland. Illegal disposal of said debris shall result in a stop work order, fine, required removal of said debris, or all of the above. The Commission may allow the creation of a spoils area, which would be required to be designated on the project PLANS, if it is proven that it will not harm Areas Subject to Protection.

Wetlands Replication

It is the policy of the Dudley Conservation Commission to follow the "No Net Loss" guidelines set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Therefore, applicants who propose to alter resource areas under the Commission's jurisdiction must:

- demonstrate that there is no practicable alternative,
- minimize impacts where they are unavoidable,
- mitigate losses of wetland resource area, where applicable or appropriate, on at least a 1:1.5 basis. "Limited projects" are included in this requirement.

Wetlands Replication Requirements

Projects involving Wetlands Filling and/or permanent Alterations shall meet the requirements of 310 CMR 10.60(3) and 10.55(4) and the following Requirements of the Commission:

- The proposed Replication area design must be submitted to the Commission for approval as part of the submittal of the project Notice of Intent. Applicants are advised to appear before the Commission for preliminary discussion, comments and review prior to submittal of the Replication Plan with the Notice of Intent.
- The Replication area must be shown to sufficiently duplicate the functions of the Wetland proposed to be Altered;
- The Replication area shall be constructed, to the extent possible, immediately after Alteration of the existing Wetland and during the same growing season;
- The proposed Replication area must be clearly flagged for Commission site inspection before the Notice of Intent filing shall be considered complete, and said flagging shall correspond to flagging shown on the Plans.
- The Notice of Intent submittal for a Replication area shall include a detailed of Replication showing:
 - cross-section with indication of Groundwater level, soil profile and thickness of organic soil in the existing and proposed Wetlands;
 - plant species detail, including species found in the area to be Altered, and number, types and locations of species to be introduced into the Replication area;
 - detail of stabilization Plans for Replication area Banks;
 - Wildlife Habitat diversity plan.
- Construction of the Replication area shall follow all requirements as set forth by the Commission.

If, after three growing seasons, the Commission determines that the Replication area has not satisfactorily developed into a Wetland, the Applicant or owner may be required to submit new Plans to successfully replace the Wetland. No Certificate of Compliance shall be issued until the Commission has determined that a satisfactory Replication area has been completed at the end of the three year period.

SECTION 11 – APPEALS

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in accordance with GL Ch. 249, Sec. 4.

SECTION 12 – SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any Order of Conditions or determination, which previously has been issued.

SECTION 13 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This section was disapproved and deleted in its entirety by the Attorney General as inconsistent with the effective date of by-laws as set forth in G.L. c. 40, § 32. (09/02/08)

SECTION 14 – REGULATIONS

After Public Notice and Public Hearing, the Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of the invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw.

The Dudley Conservation Commission may, from time to time, adopt such other and further definitions. Regulations, fees and performance standards as it may deem necessary to protect the interest and/or intent of this Bylaw. Said definitions, regulations, fees and performance standards shall become effective upon publication following a Public Hearing advertised in a local newspaper.

At a minimum these regulations shall define key terms in this bylaw and establish basic performance standards not inconsistent with the bylaw and procedures governing the amount and filing of fees.

SECTION 15 – DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw:

Alter shall include, without limitation, the following activities when under-taken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind
- Change of pre-existing drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics
- Drainage or other disturbance of water level or water table
- Dumping, discharging or filling with any material which may degrade water quality
- Placing of fill or removal of material, which would alter elevation
- Driving of piles, erection or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind
- Placing of obstructions or objects in water
- Destruction of plant life including cutting of trees
- Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand or other physical, biology, or chemical characteristics of any waters
- Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater
- Incremental activities, which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw

Abutter is any landowner, as determined by the most recent assessor's records, whose land immediately abuts the property which is the subject of notification, or whose land lies across a public or private traveled way or across any river, stream, pond or lake or downstream to a distance of 100 feet. In particular cases, the Dudley Conservation Commission can add persons to the list of abutters to be notified.

Person shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth, or political subdivision thereof, to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents or assigns.

Rare Species shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animals and plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

Vernal pool shall include a confined basin depression which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, and which is free of adult fish populations, as well as the area within 100 feet of the mean annual boundary of such a depression, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Stream includes any body of running water moving in a channel in the ground, including intermittent streams and headwaters of streams above the point where there are wetlands adjoining them.

Wetlands under this bylaw, includes wet meadows, marshes, bogs and swamps of all kinds, regardless of whether they border on surface waters.

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or in regulations of the Commission, the definitions of terms in this bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (GL Ch. 131, Sec. 40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

Adopted:
05/19/08

ARTICLE XLIV

SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- (a) "PARK" means public land designated for active or passive recreational or athletic use by the Town of Dudley, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other governmental subdivision, and located within the Town of Dudley.
- (b) "SCHOOL" means any public or private educational facility that provides services to children in grades kindergarten through 12. This shall also include any independent institution of higher learning located within the Town of Dudley.
- (c) "DAY CARE CENTER" means an establishment, whether public or private, which provides care for children and is registered with and licensed pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Office of Child Care Services.
- (d) "ELDERLY HOUSING FACILITY" means a building or buildings on the same lot containing four or more dwelling units restricted to occupancy by households having one or more members fifty-five years of age or older.
- (e) "SEX OFFENDER" means a person who resides, works or attends an institution of higher learning in the commonwealth and who has been convicted of a sex offense or who has been adjudicated as a youthful offender or as a delinquent juvenile by reason of a sex offense or a person released from incarceration or parole or probation supervision or custody with the Department of Youth Services for such a conviction or adjudication or a person who has been adjudicated a sexually dangerous person under G.L. c. 123 A, § 14, as in force at the time of adjudication, or a person released from civil commitment pursuant to section 9 of said chapter 123 A, whichever last occurs, on or after August 1, 1981.
- (f) "SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY" means the collected information and data that is received by the criminal history systems board pursuant to Sections 178C to 178P, inclusive, as such information and data is modified or amended by the sex offender registry board or a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to said Sections 178C to 178P, inclusive.
- (g) "PERMANENT RESIDENCE" means a place where a person lives, abides, lodges, or resides for five (5) or more consecutive days or fourteen (14) or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year.
- (h) "ESTABLISHING A RESIDENCE" means to set up or bring into being a dwelling place or an abode where a person sleeps, which may include more than one location, and may be mobile or transitory, or by means of purchasing real property or entering into a lease or rental agreement for real property (including a renewal or extension of a prior agreement whether through written execution or automatic renewal).

SECTION 2. SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCE PROHIBITION:

It is unlawful for any sex offender who is classified as a level 2 or 3 offender pursuant to the guidelines of the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, to establish a permanent residence within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility. For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation, the requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence to the nearest outer property line of a school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility.

SECTION 3. NOTICE TO MOVE:

Any level 2 or level 3 sex offender who establishes a permanent residence within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility shall be in violation of this section and shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of the sex offender's noncompliance with this chapter, move from said location to a new location, but said location may not be within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility. It shall constitute a separate violation for each day beyond the thirty (30) days the sex offender continues to reside within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility. Furthermore, it shall be a separate violation each day that a sex offender shall move from one location in the Town of Dudley to another that is within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES:

Violation of this bylaw, or of any regulations adopted hereunder, may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer of the

Town of Dudley including, but not limited to, enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation. The penalties shall be as follows:

- (a) First Offense: Notification to offender that he/she has thirty (30) days to move.
- (b) Subsequent Offense: Non-criminal fine of \$300.00 and notification to the offender's landlord, parole officer and/or probation officer and the Commonwealth's Sex Offender Registry Board that the person has violated a municipal ordinance.

SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS:

A person residing within five hundred (500) feet of any school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility does not commit a violation of this section if any of the following apply:

- (a) The person established the permanent residence and reported and registered
 - a. the residence, in accordance with the regulations of the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, prior to the effective date of this by-law.
- (b) The person was a minor when he/she committed the offense and was not convicted as an adult.
- (c) The person is a minor.
- (d) The school, day care center, park or elderly housing facility within five hundred (500) feet of the personal permanent residence was established after the person established the permanent residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to the Sex Offender Registry Law.
- (e) The person is required to serve a sentence at a jail, prison, juvenile facility, or other correctional institution or facility.
- (f) The person is admitted to and/or subject to an order of commitment at a public or private facility for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons pursuant to G.L. c. 123.
- (g) The person is a mentally ill person subject to guardianship pursuant to G.L. c. 201, § 6 or a mentally retarded person subject to guardianship pursuant to G.L. c. 201 § 6A, residing with his or her guardian or residing within a group residence that is professionally staffed and supervised 24 hours a day.

ARTICLE XLVI LICENSES

Section 1. Definitions

Licensing Authority – each department, board, commission or division that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers.

Party – any person, corporation or business enterprise that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges for not less than twelve months.

Section 2. Delinquent List

1. Any and all municipal officials responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterment and other municipal charges shall furnish annually to the Town Treasurer a listing of any persons, corporations, or business enterprises (hereinafter referred to as "Party") that have neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges for a twelve (12) month period.

2. The Town Treasurer shall compile a master list containing the name and address of any party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period and that has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board. The master list shall also contain both the amount owed and a description of the local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges which the party has failed or refused to pay.

If the board determines that any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit, is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party who appears on said list furnished by the Town Treasurer then the licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit or refuse to transfer the same.

3. The Town Treasurer shall annually furnish to each Licensing Authority of the Town of Dudley a copy of the master list. Upon receipt of the master list, the Licensing Authority may, in accordance with the terms of this ordinance, deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of the same, of any party whose name appears on the master list.

Section 3. Notice and Hearing

1. The Licensing Authority shall not deny, revoke or suspend any License or permit, unless it first gives written notice to the party and the Town Treasurer and unless the Licensing Authority holds a hearing concerning the denial, revocation or suspension. The hearing shall be held no sooner than fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice.
2. The notice shall be mailed to the party and shall contain the time, place and date of the hearing. The notice shall also inform the party of the purpose of the hearing and shall list any and all taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges applicable to the party which are contained on the master list.
3. If the Board determines that (a) any taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges contained on the master list have not been paid; and (b) that the party has not filed in good faith an application for an abatement of the amount owed, or (c) that the party does not have a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board, the Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit or refuse to transfer the same. If the Board determines that any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit, is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party who appears on said list furnished by the Town Treasurer then the licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit or refuse to transfer the same.
4. At the hearing, the Licensing Authority shall give the party an opportunity to enter a payment agreement, as provided in Section 4 below.
5. The master list provided by the Town Treasurer shall be prima facie evidence to support a denial, revocation or suspension of a license or permit to any party whose name appears on the master list.
6. The Town Treasurer, or his designee, shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted concerning the denial, revocation and suspension of any license of permit.

7. Any findings made by the Licensing Authority with respect to the denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purpose of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for an appeal from such permit or license denial, revocation or suspension.

Section 4. Payment Agreement

1. The licensing Authority shall give the party an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement under such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Licensing Authority and the Town Treasurer. No payment agreement shall accept less than a ten percent (10%) up-front payment of taxes or fees or both.
2. Upon entering into a payment agreement the Licensing Authority shall issue a certificate indicating any agreed upon limitations to the license or permit. The validity of any such license or permit shall be conditioned upon satisfactory compliance with the agreement.
3. Failure to comply with the payment agreement shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the party's license or permit, provided that the holder be given notice and a hearing by the licensing authority. Notwithstanding Section 3 (4), in no event shall any hearing concerning a failure to comply with a payment agreement entitle the party to an additional opportunity to enter into a new payment agreement.

Section 5. Effect of Denial or Suspension

Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked pursuant to this Article shall not be renewed until the License Authority receives a certificate issued by the Town Treasurer indicating that all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges payable to the Town of Dudley have been paid as of the date of the issuance of the Certificate.

Section 6. Waiver of Denial, Suspension or Revocation

The Licensing Authority may waive any denial, suspension or revocation of a permit or license if it finds that there is no direct or indirect business interest by the party or members of the party's immediate family, as defined in Section One of Chapter 268A, in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Section 7. Regulations

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to adopt any rules and regulation it deems necessary to implement this Article, including a listing of those licenses and permits not subject in this by-Law.

Adopted: "Licenses" Sec. 1 - 7 (06/27/95) – in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, S57 "Local Licenses and Permits: denial, revocation or suspension for failure to pay municipal taxes or charges."

Amendments: Sec. 3, paragraph 3 (11/01/95)

ARTICLE XLVII Economic Development Committee

Section 1: Authority

There shall be a Economic Development Committee for the Town who shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article and be governed by the provisions thereof.

Section 2: Purpose

Economic Development Committee ("Committee") is established to assist the development of economic growth in our community by strengthening existing businesses and attracting new business to the community.

The Committee works to create, diversify and enhance job growth and to promote business development and stability. The committee can assist businesses and other organizations to further economic development in the community.

Section 3: Membership

The Economic Development Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members whom are residents of the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint five (5) members and the Planning Board shall appoint two (2) members.

Members shall serve staggered three (3) years terms, as established by the Board of Selectmen. Terms shall expire at the end of the respective fiscal year.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said committee, the appropriate appointing authority shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

All members shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties of said committee.

The committee shall select their own officers.

Section 4. Quorum

The quorum for said committee shall be the majority of the members currently appointed and sworn.

Section 5: Duties

A. Economic Development Plan. The Committee shall prepare and present to the Town Meeting annually, a proposed five-year economic development plan for the town. The plan shall include actions to be carried out by the town and proposed joint venture activities in cooperation with other public and private agencies and organizations, for the purpose of enhancing the prosperity and well being of the Dudley and its residents.

The Plan shall be made in consultation with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the Finance Appropriations Advisory Committee. The Committee may seek assistance from the Town Administrator, Town Treasurer, planning office and other municipal departments.

The economic development plan shall be reviewed and revised annually in accordance with the foregoing procedures.

B. Community Economic Resource Guide. The Economic Development Committee shall develop and maintain a Community Economic Resource Guide ("Guide") The "Guide" should contain key information regarding the community with the primary purpose of providing information / attracting business development in the community.

C. Other Duties. The Board of Selectmen or Planning Board may request other projects or tasks to be undertaken by the Committee related to economic development. The Committee shall file a report to the requesting party once the task is completed or an project / task update when requested by the requesting party.

Section 6: Minutes, Public Hearings & Reports

The Committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

The Committee shall hold a public hearing(s), with proper notice, as part of the committee's process in developing an economic development plan, community resource guide or any other plan, policies or programs undertaken by the committee.

The Committee shall provide an annual report to the Board of Selectmen of the committee activities over the past fiscal year. Said report to be included to the Town's Annual Report to it citizens.

The committee shall comply with the open meeting laws of the Commonwealth.

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